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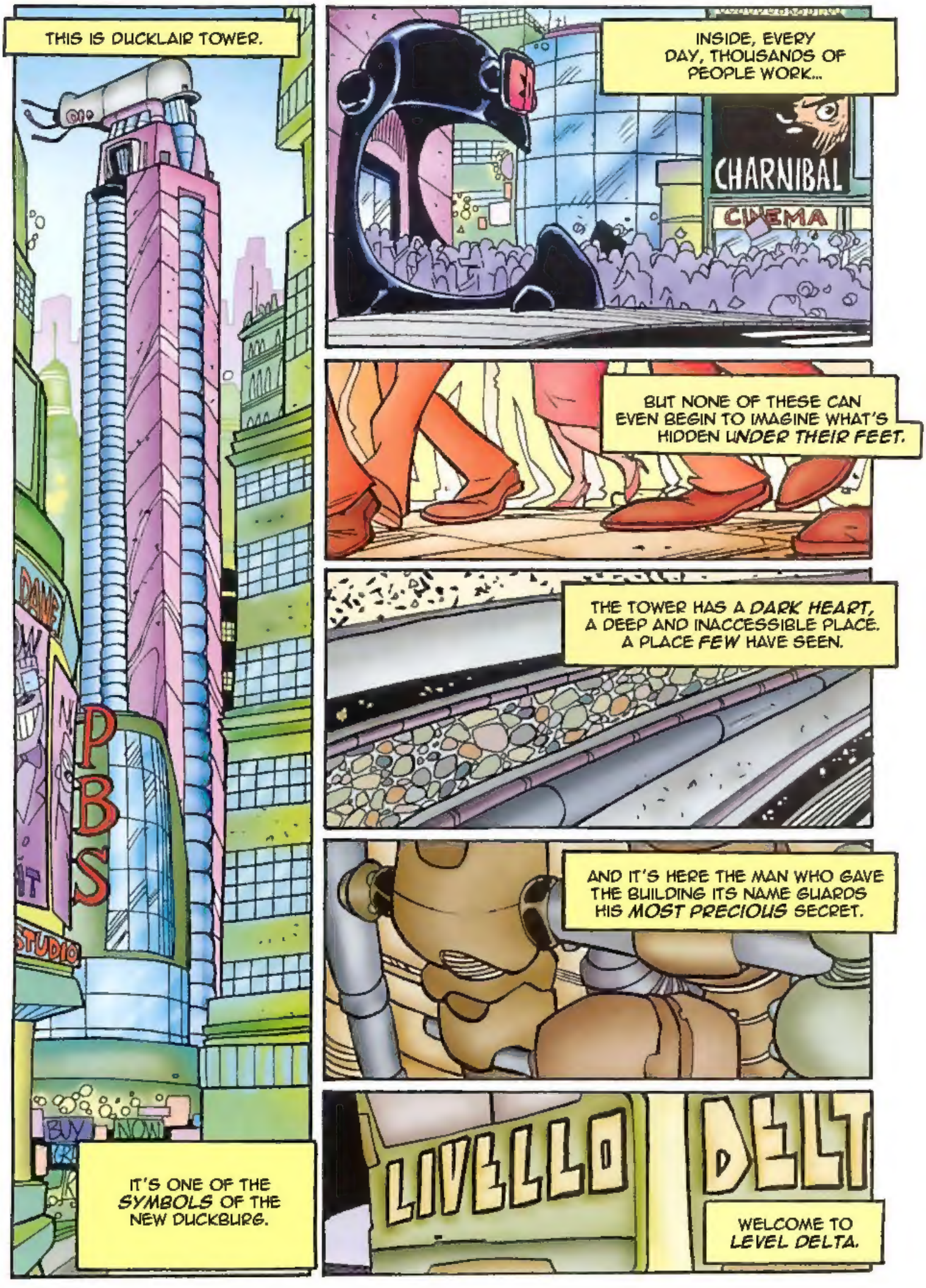
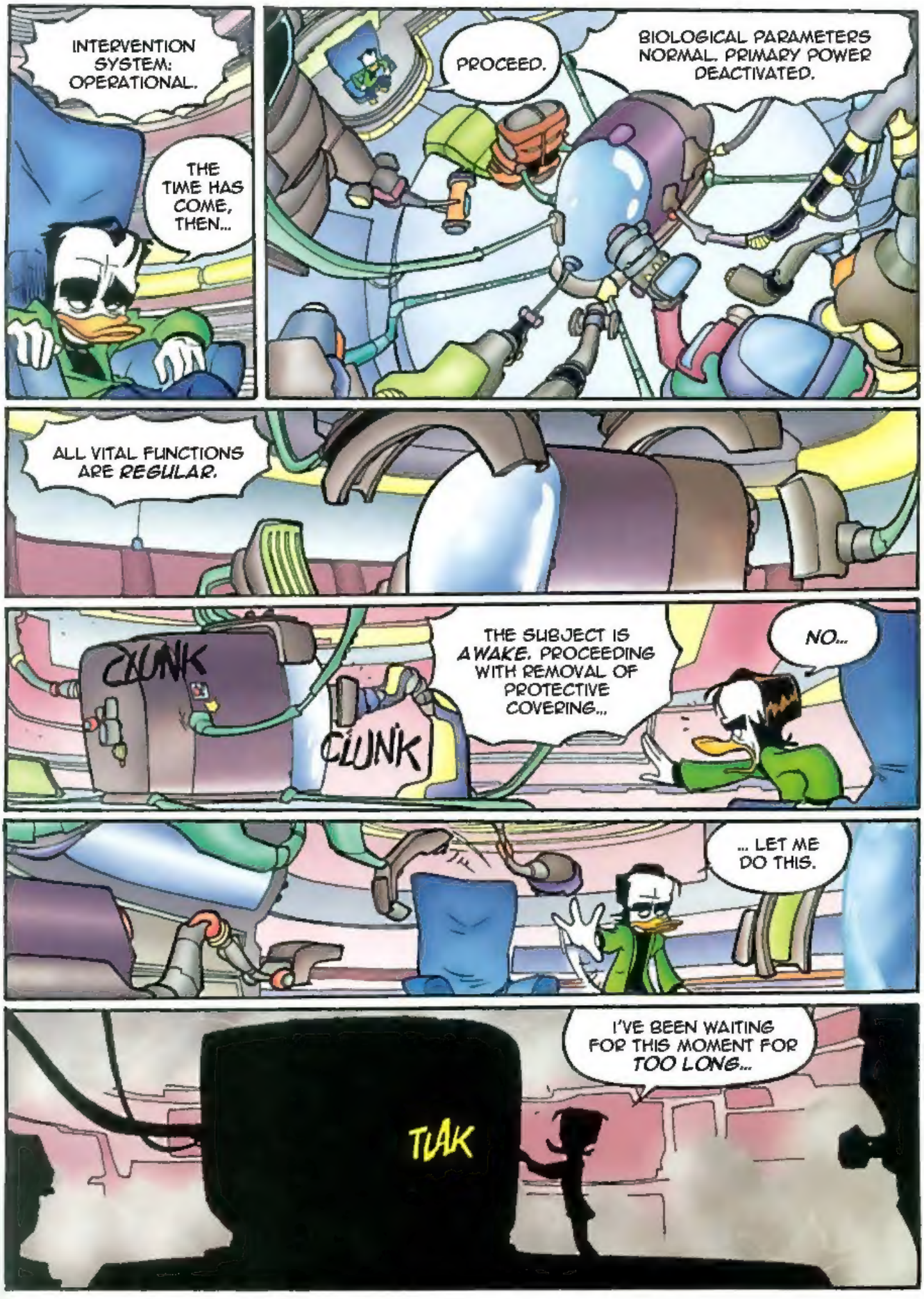

THIS IS DUCKLAIR TOWER.
IT'S ONE OF THE SYMBOLS OF THE NEW DUCKBURG.
INSIDE, EVERY DAY, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WORK...
CHARNIBAL
CINEMA
BUT NONE OF THESE CAN EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT'S HIDDEN UNDER THEIR FEET.
THE TOWER HAS A DARK HEART, A DEEP AND INACCESSIBLE PLACE. A PLACE FEW HAVE SEEN.
AND IT'S HERE THE MAN WHO GAVE THE BUILDING ITS NAME GUARDS HIS MOST PRECIOUS SECRET.
LIVELLO DELT
WELCOME TO LEVEL DELTA.


INTERVENTION SYSTEM: OPERATIONAL.
THE TIME HAS COME, THEN...
PROCEED.
BIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS NORMAL. PRIMARY POWER DEACTIVATED.
ALL VITAL FUNCTIONS ARE *REGULAR.*
CLUNK
CLUNK
THE SUBJECT IS *AWAKE.* PROCEEDING WITH REMOVAL OF PROTECTIVE COVERING...
NO...
... LET ME DO THIS.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT FOR *TOO LONG...*
TLAK

JUNIPER...
CAN YOU HEAR ME, JUNIPER?
LOOK AT ME... EVERY-THING'S ALRIGHT...
OPEN YOUR EYES, MY CHILD... DADDY'S HERE WITH YOU NOW...
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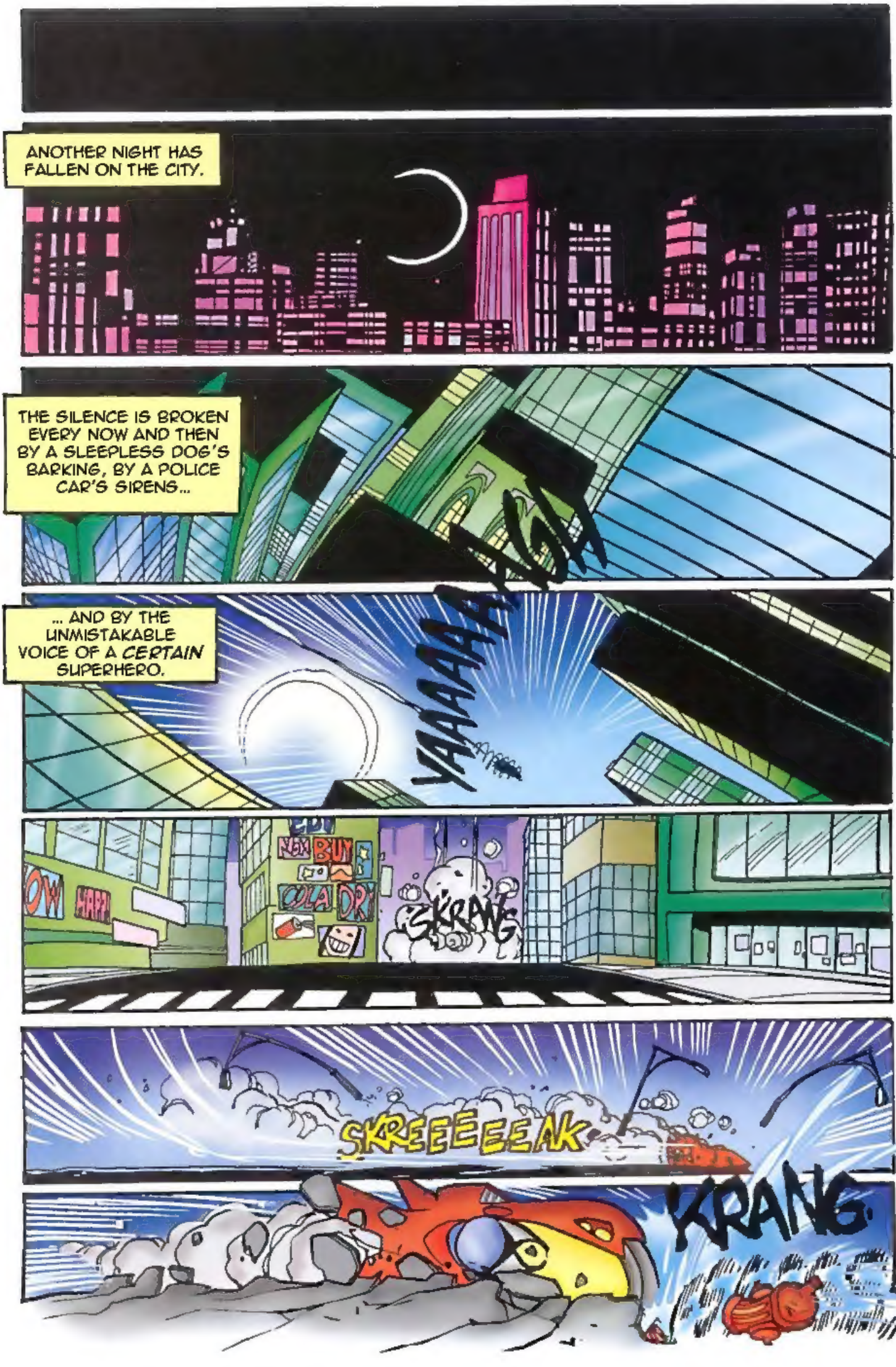
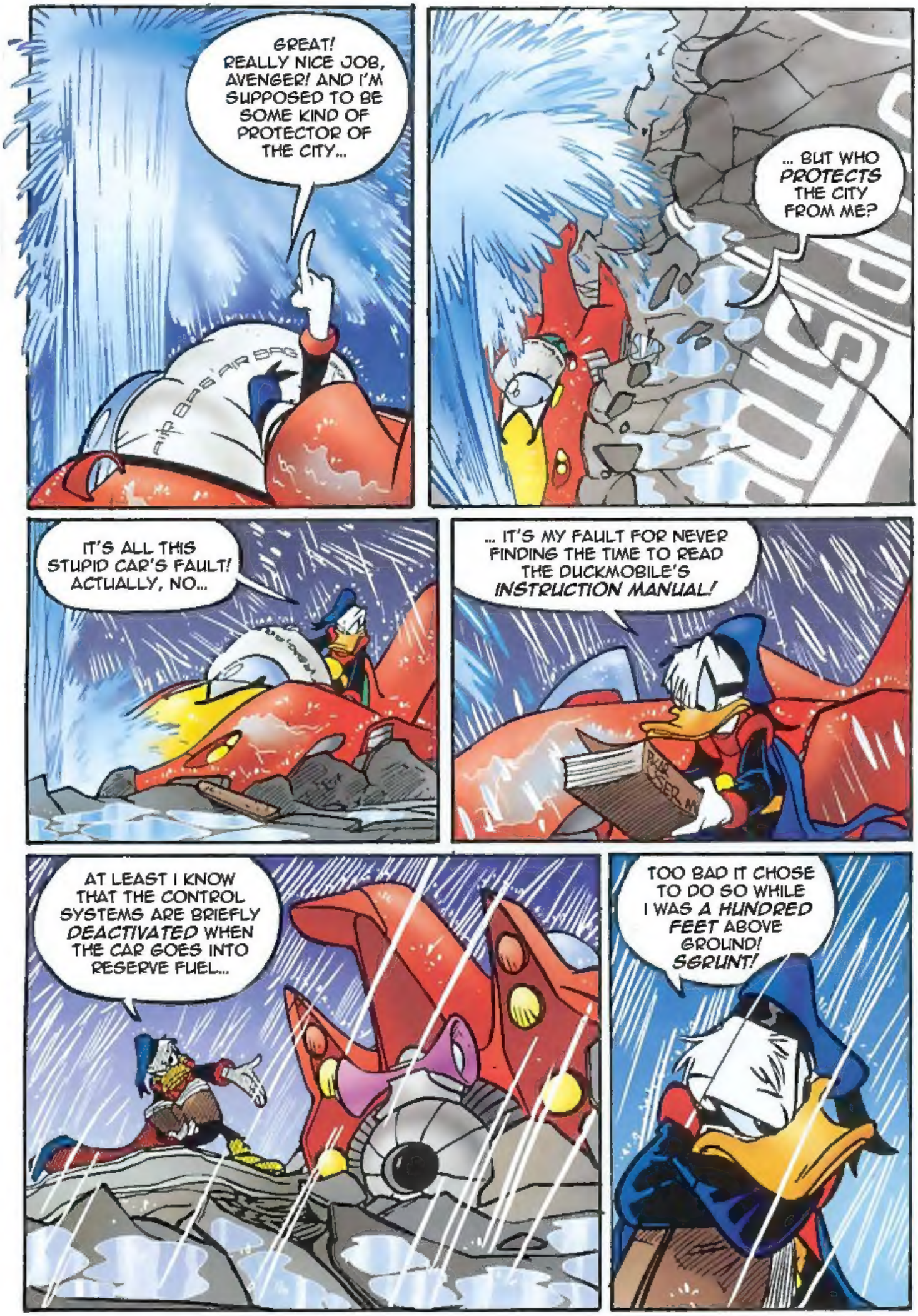
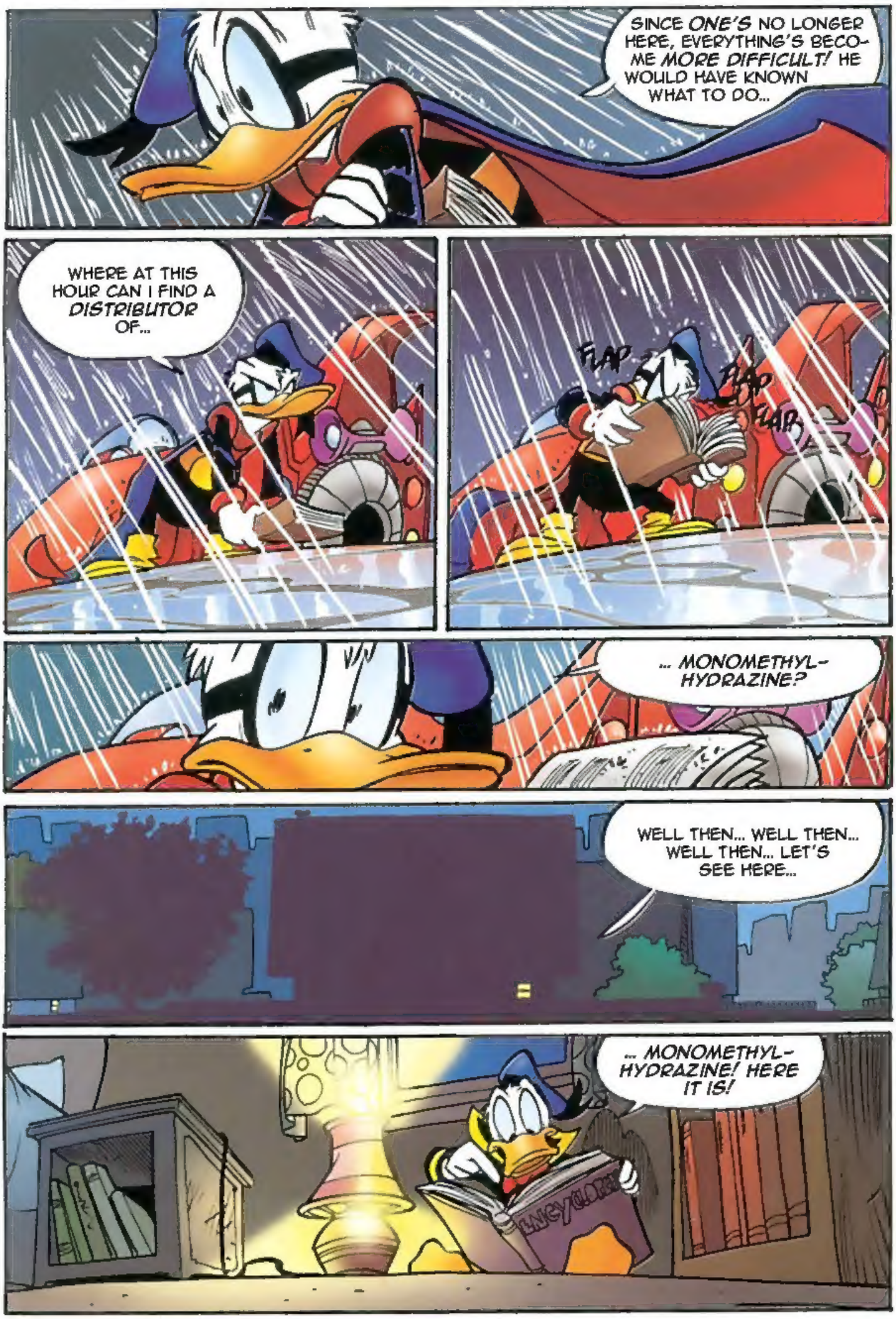
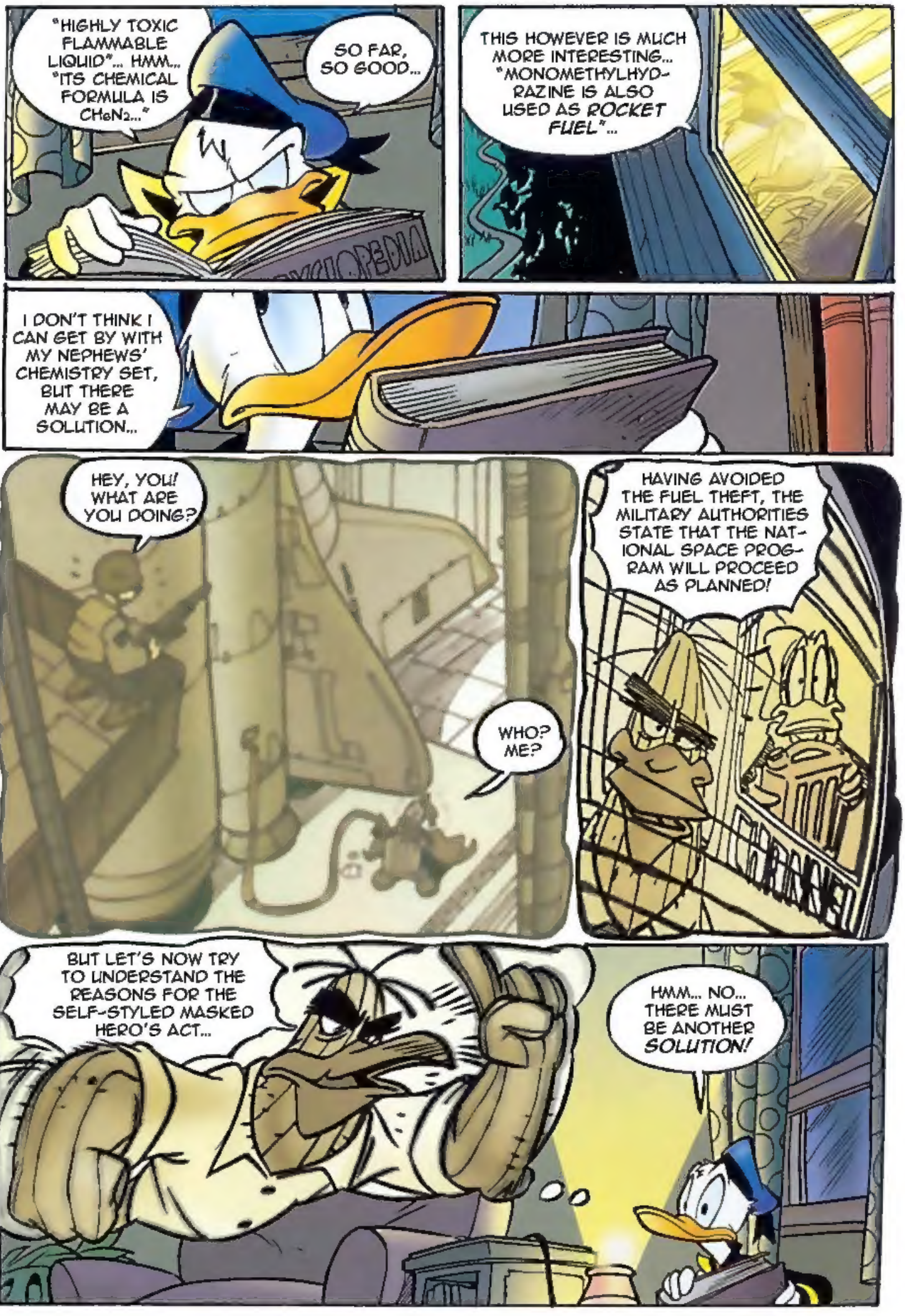
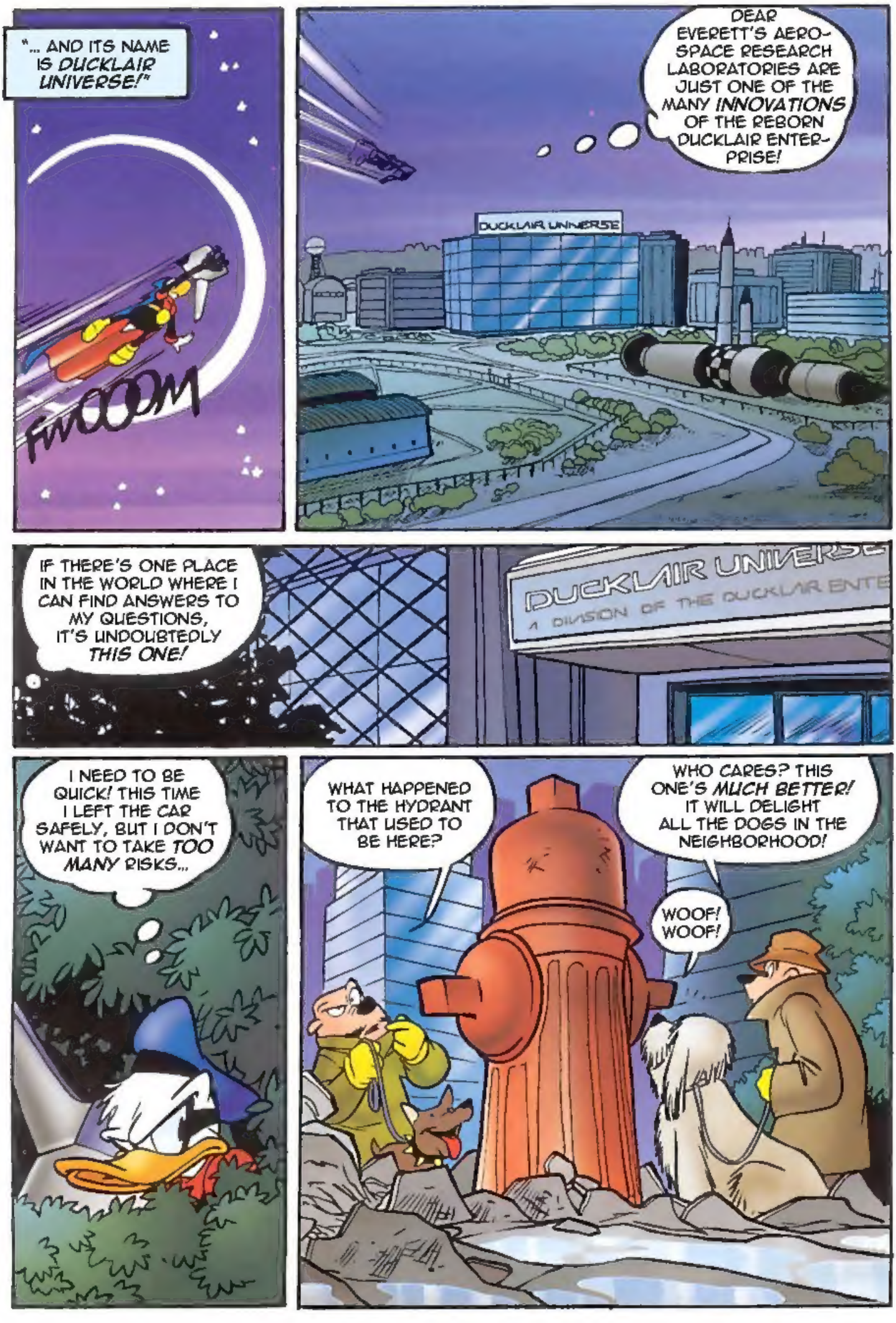
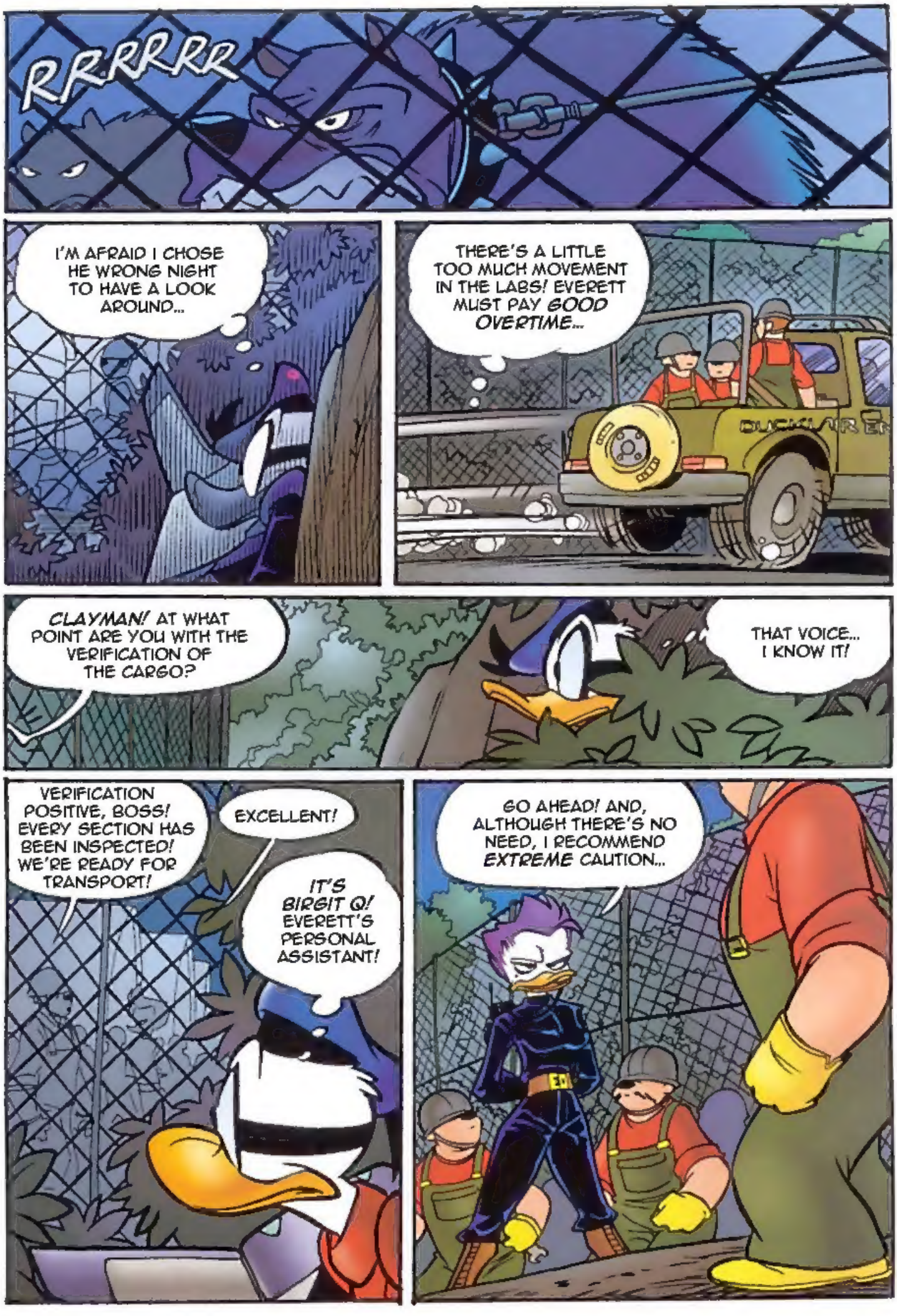

ANOTHER NIGHT HAS FALLEN ON THE CITY.
THE SILENCE IS BROKEN EVERY NOW AND THEN BY A SLEEPLESS DOG'S BARKING, BY A POLICE CAR'S SIRENS...
... AND BY THE UNMISTAKABLE VOICE OF A CERTAIN SUPERHERO.
KRAAAAAA
SKRANG
SKREEEEEEAK
KRANG

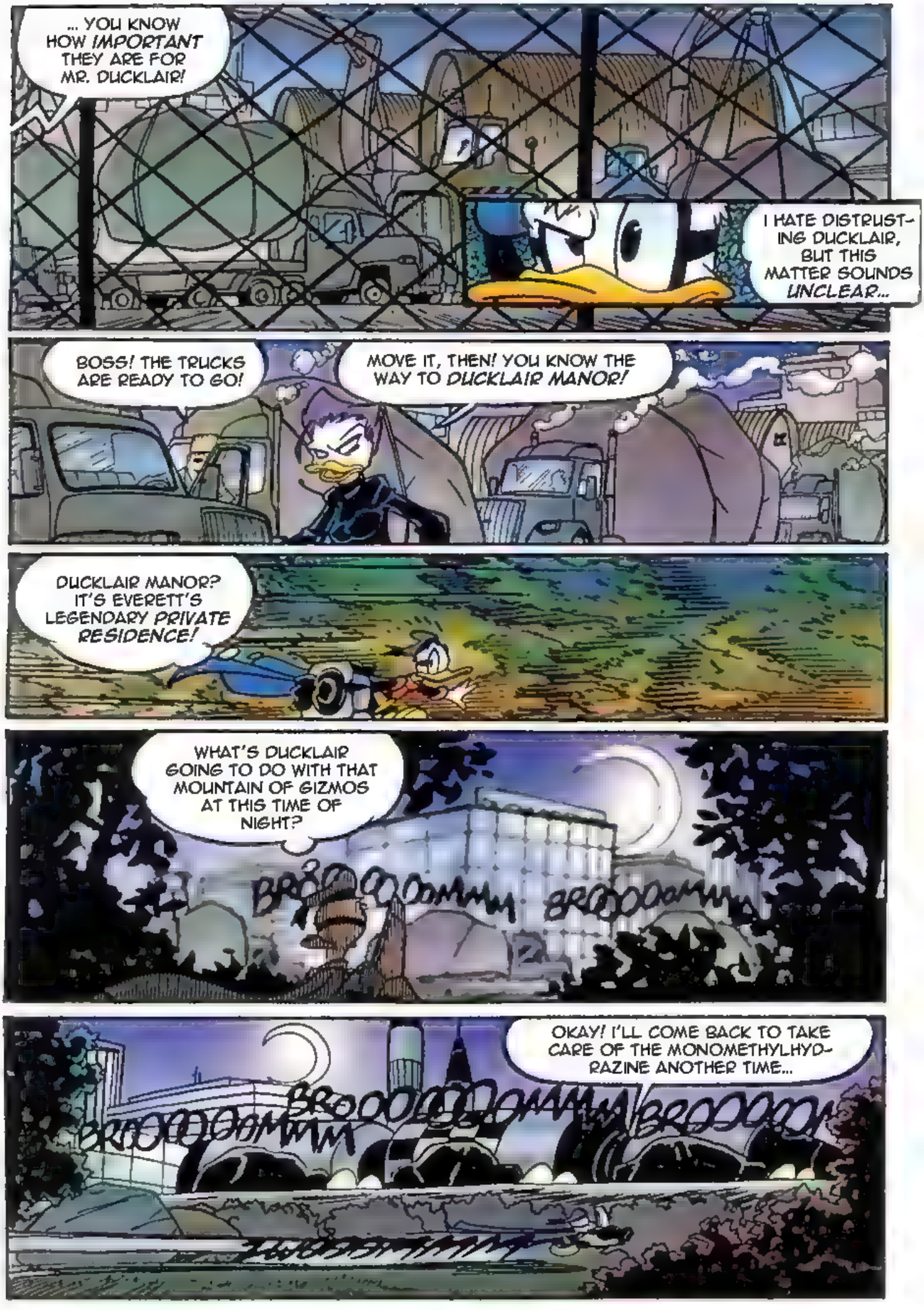

GREAT! REALLY NICE JOB, AVENGER! AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF PROTECTOR OF THE CITY...
... BUT WHO *PROTECTS* THE CITY FROM ME?
IT'S ALL THIS STUPID CAR'S FAULT! ACTUALLY, NO...
... IT'S MY FAULT FOR NEVER FINDING THE TIME TO READ THE DUCKMOBILE'S *INSTRUCTION MANUAL!*
AT LEAST I KNOW THAT THE CONTROL SYSTEMS ARE BRIEFLY *DEACTIVATED* WHEN THE CAR GOES INTO RESERVE FUEL...
TOO BAD IT CHOSE TO DO SO WHILE I WAS *A HUNDRED FEET* ABOVE GROUND! *SGRUNT!*

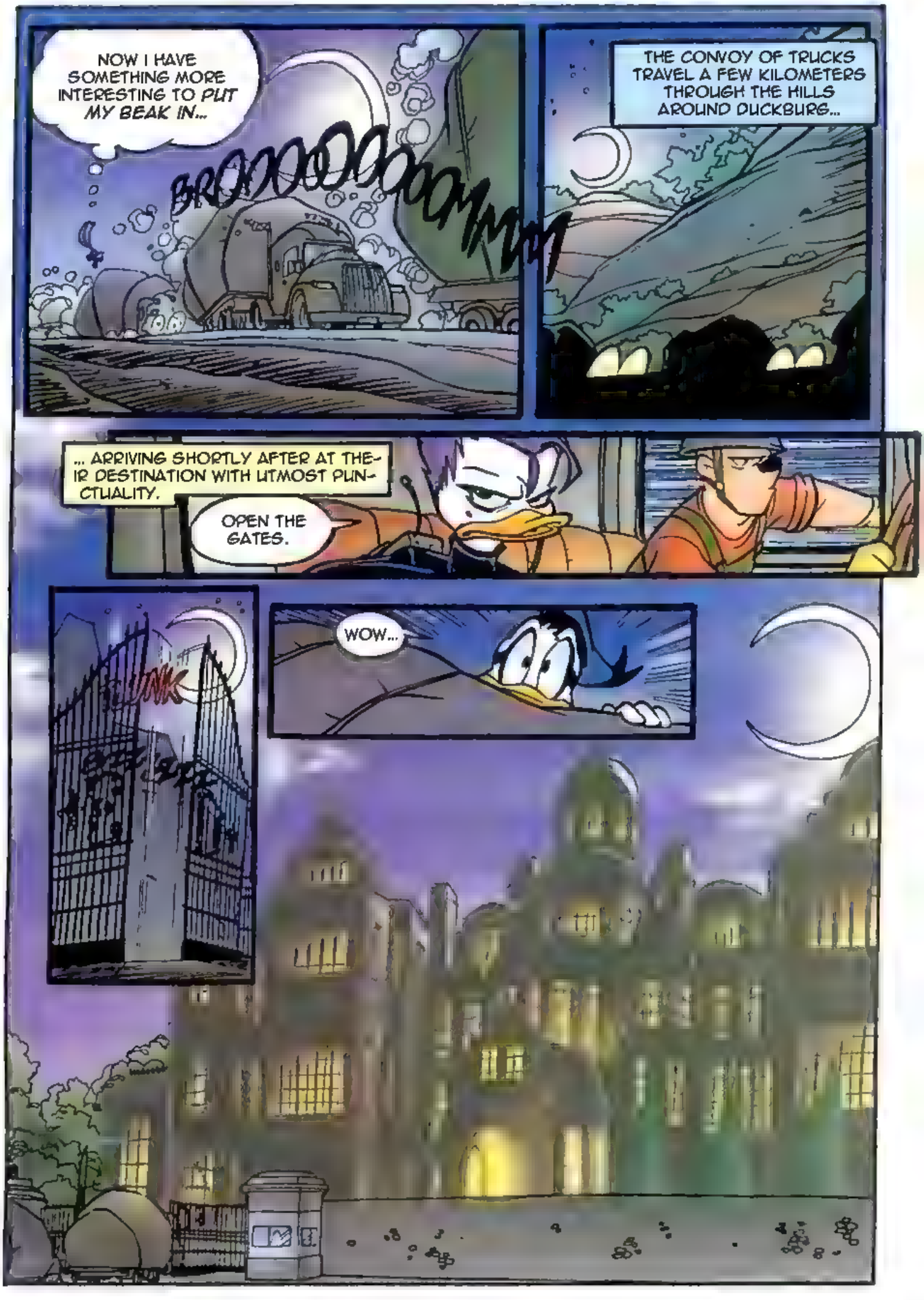

SINCE ONE'S NO LONGER HERE, EVERYTHING'S BECOME MORE DIFFICULT! HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO DO...
WHERE AT THIS HOUR CAN I FIND A DISTRIBUTOR OF...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
... MONOMETHYL-HYDRAZINE?
WELL THEN... WELL THEN... WELL THEN... LET'S SEE HERE...
... MONOMETHYL-HYDRAZINE! HERE IT IS!

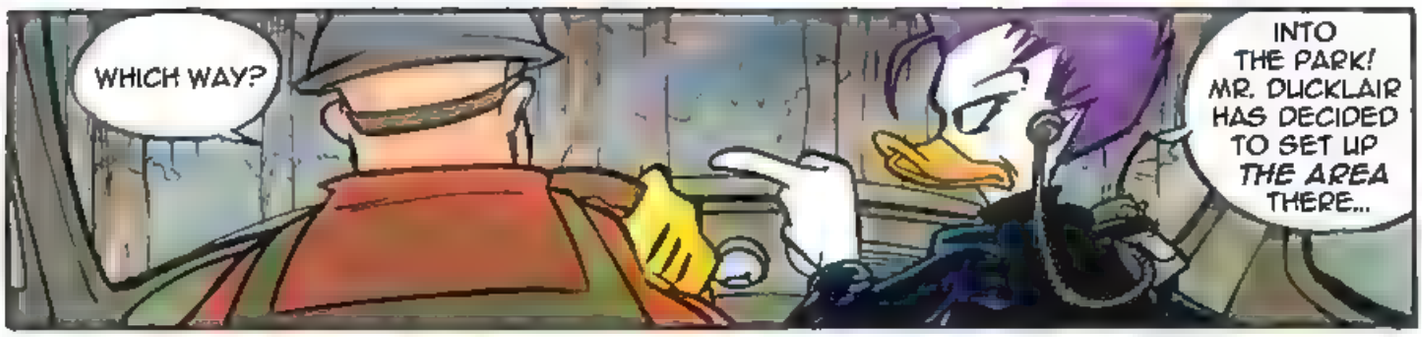

"HIGHLY TOXIC FLAMMABLE LIQUID"... HMM... "ITS CHEMICAL FORMULA IS CH_6N_2..."
SO FAR, SO GOOD...
THIS HOWEVER IS MUCH MORE INTERESTING... "MONOMETHYLHYDRAZINE IS ALSO USED AS *ROCKET FUEL*"...
I DON'T THINK I CAN GET BY WITH MY NEPHEWS' CHEMISTRY SET, BUT THERE MAY BE A SOLUTION...
HEY, YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHO? ME?
HAVING AVOIDED THE FUEL THEFT, THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES STATE THAT THE NATIONAL SPACE PROGRAM WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED!
BUT LET'S NOW TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR THE SELF-STYLED MASKED HERO'S ACT...
HMM... NO... THERE MUST BE ANOTHER *SOLUTION!*


"... AND ITS NAME IS *DUCKLAIR UNIVERSE!*"
FWOOOM
DEAR EVERETT'S AEROSPACE RESEARCH LABORATORIES ARE JUST ONE OF THE MANY *INNOVATIONS* OF THE REBORN DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISE!
DUCKLAIR UNIVERSE
IF THERE'S ONE PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE I CAN FIND ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS, IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY *THIS ONE!*
DUCKLAIR UNIVERSE
A DIVISION OF THE DUCKLAIR ENTE
I NEED TO BE QUICK! THIS TIME I LEFT THE CAR SAFELY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TAKE *TOO MANY* RISKS...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HYDRANT THAT USED TO BE HERE?
WHO CARES? THIS ONE'S *MUCH BETTER!* IT WILL DELIGHT ALL THE DOGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
WOOF! WOOF!

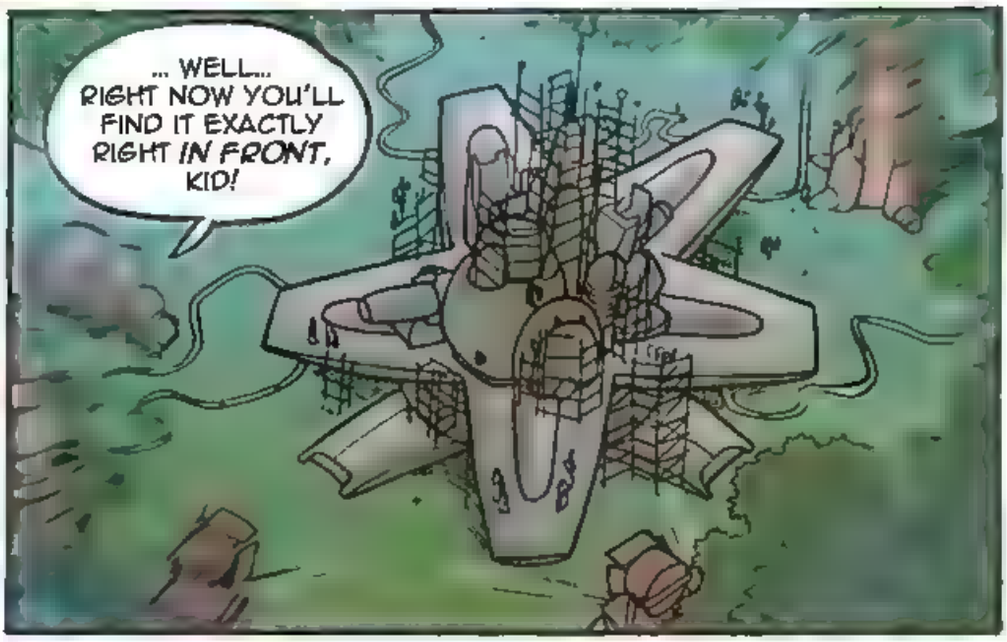

RRRRRR
I'M AFRAID I CHOSE HE WRONG NIGHT TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND...
THERE'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH MOVEMENT IN THE LABS! EVERETT MUST PAY GOOD OVERTIME...
CLAYMAN! AT WHAT POINT ARE YOU WITH THE VERIFICATION OF THE CARGO?
THAT VOICE... I KNOW IT!
VERIFICATION POSITIVE, BOSS! EVERY SECTION HAS BEEN INSPECTED! WE'RE READY FOR TRANSPORT!
EXCELLENT!
IT'S BIRGIT Q! EVERETT'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT!
GO AHEAD! AND, ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO NEED, I RECOMMEND EXTREME CAUTION...


... YOU KNOW HOW *IMPORTANT* THEY ARE FOR MR. DUCKLAIR!
I HATE DISTRUSTING DUCKLAIR, BUT THIS MATTER SOUNDS *UNCLEAR*...
BOSS! THE TRUCKS ARE READY TO GO!
MOVE IT, THEN! YOU KNOW THE WAY TO *DUCKLAIR MANOR!*
DUCKLAIR MANOR? IT'S EVERETT'S LEGENDARY *PRIVATE RESIDENCE!*
WHAT'S DUCKLAIR GOING TO DO WITH THAT MOUNTAIN OF GIZMOS AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?
BROOOOOOMMMM BROOOOOMMMM
OKAY! I'LL COME BACK TO TAKE CARE OF THE MONOMETHYLHYDRAZINE ANOTHER TIME...
BROOOOOOMMMM BROOOOOOMMMM

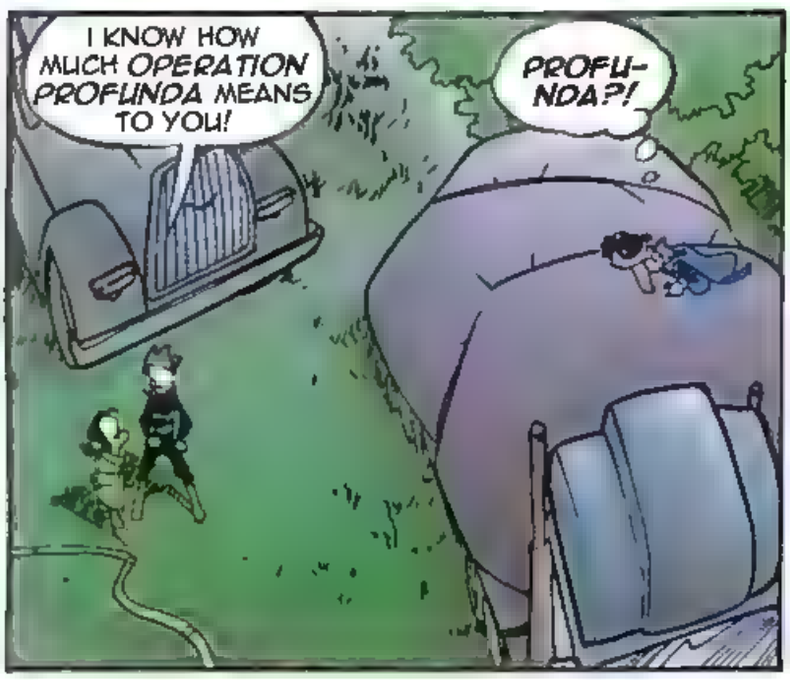

NOW I HAVE SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING TO *PUT MY BEAK IN*...
BROOOO


WHICH WAY?
INTO THE PARK! MR. DUCKLAIR HAS DECIDED TO SET UP *THE AREA* THERE...

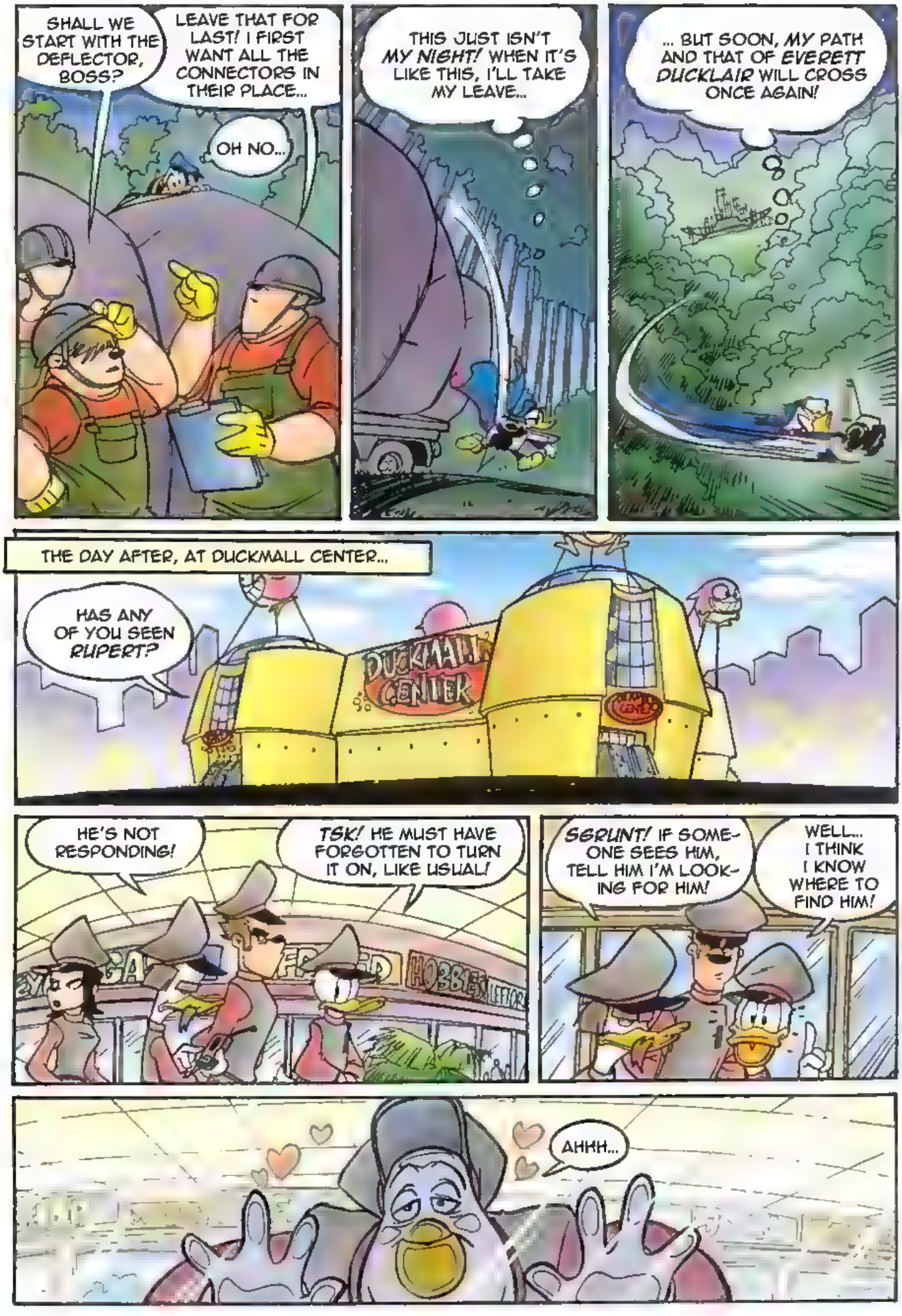
HMM... LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY HAS ALREADY STARTED!
PARTY? IF THERE EVER WAS SOMETHING MORE DISTANT FROM A PARTY...

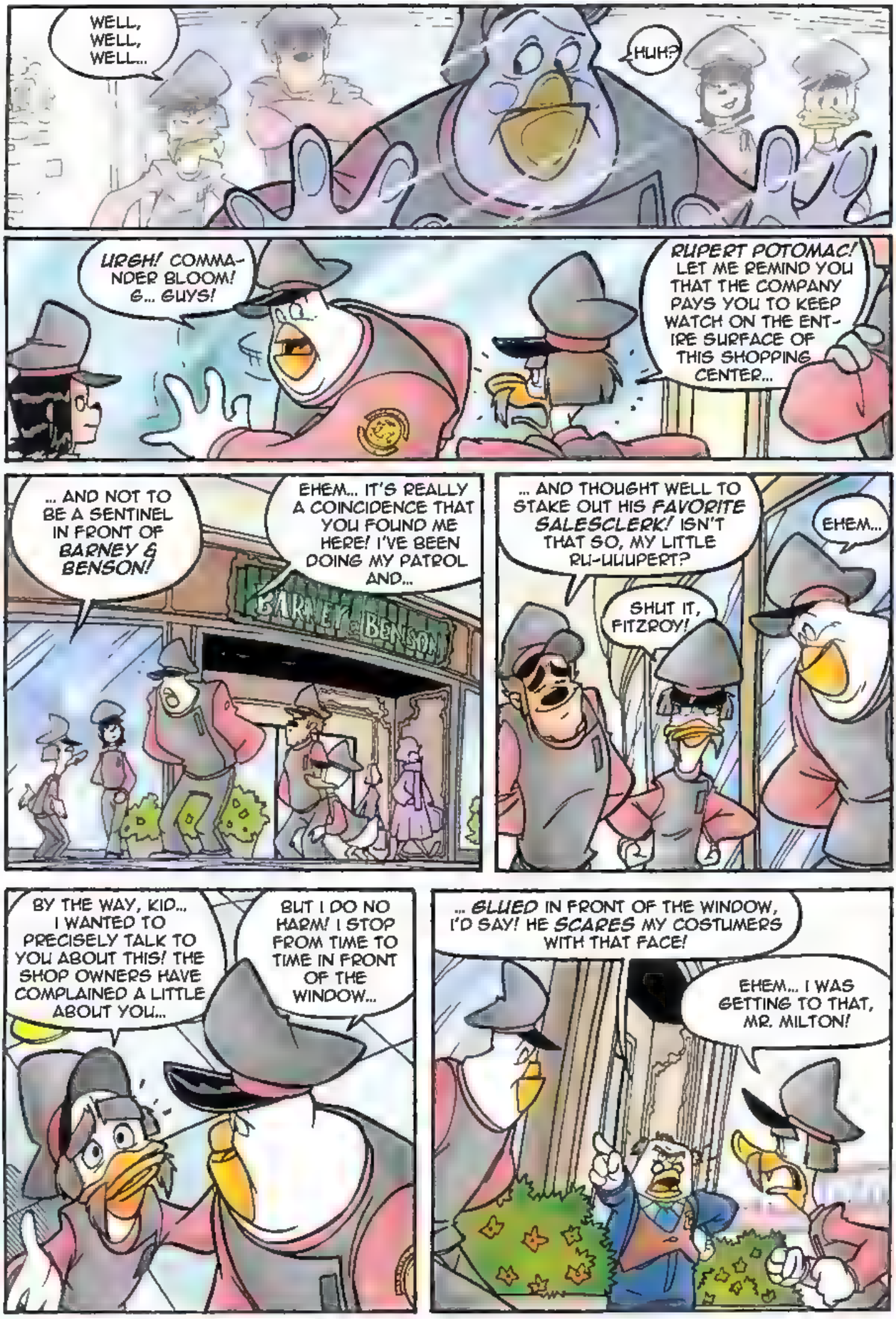

... WELL... RIGHT NOW YOU'LL FIND IT EXACTLY RIGHT *IN FRONT*, KID!

I'M VERY SATISFIED WITH YOUR WORK, BIRGIT! EVERYTHING'S PROCEEDING AS GOOD AS IT CAN...
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, SIR.

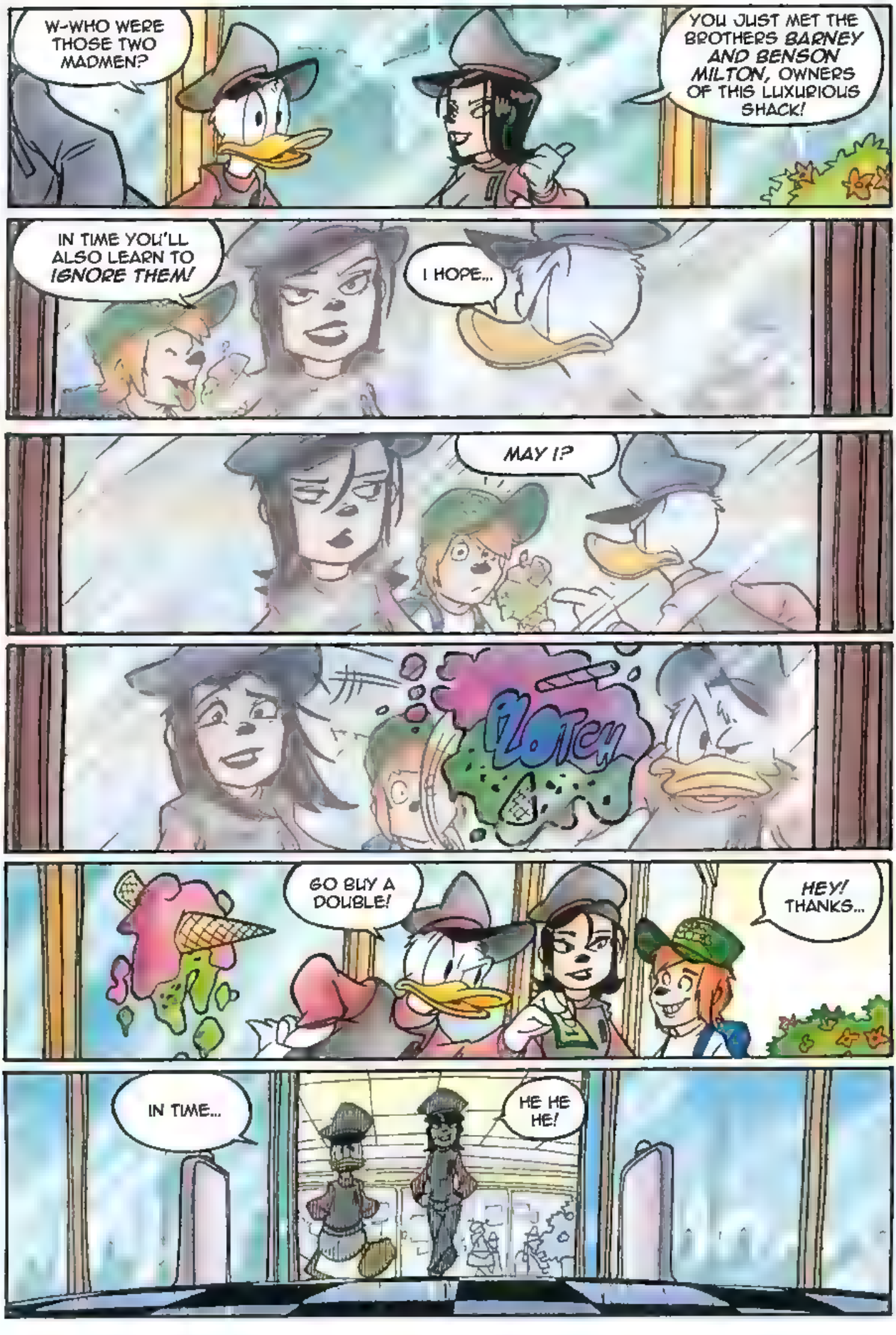

I KNOW HOW MUCH *OPERATION PROFUNDA* MEANS TO YOU!
PROFUNDA?!

DON'T GO AWAY! RIGHT NOW THAT THE CONVERSATION STARTED TO GET INTERESTING...

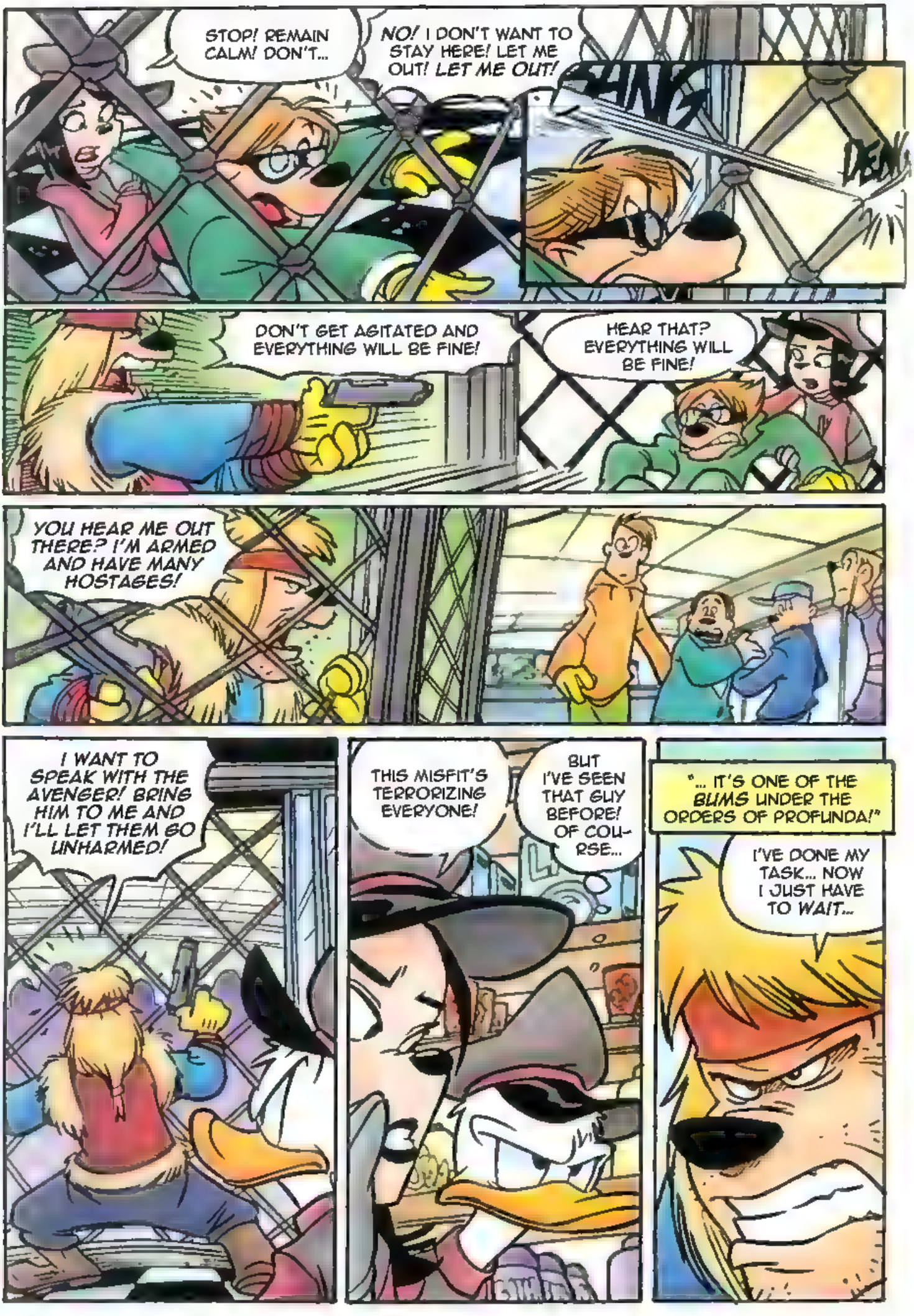

SHALL WE START WITH THE DEFLECTOR, BOSS?
LEAVE THAT FOR LAST! I FIRST WANT ALL THE CONNECTORS IN THEIR PLACE...
OH NO...
THIS JUST ISN'T *MY NIGHT!* WHEN IT'S LIKE THIS, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE...
... BUT SOON, *MY* PATH AND THAT OF *EVERETT DUCKLAIR* WILL CROSS ONCE AGAIN!
THE DAY AFTER, AT DUCKMALL CENTER...
HAS ANY OF YOU SEEN *RUPERT?*
DUCKMALL CENTER
HE'S NOT RESPONDING!
TSK! HE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO TURN IT ON, LIKE USUAL!
SGRUNT! IF SOMEONE SEES HIM, TELL HIM I'M LOOKING FOR HIM!
WELL... I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM!
AHHH...

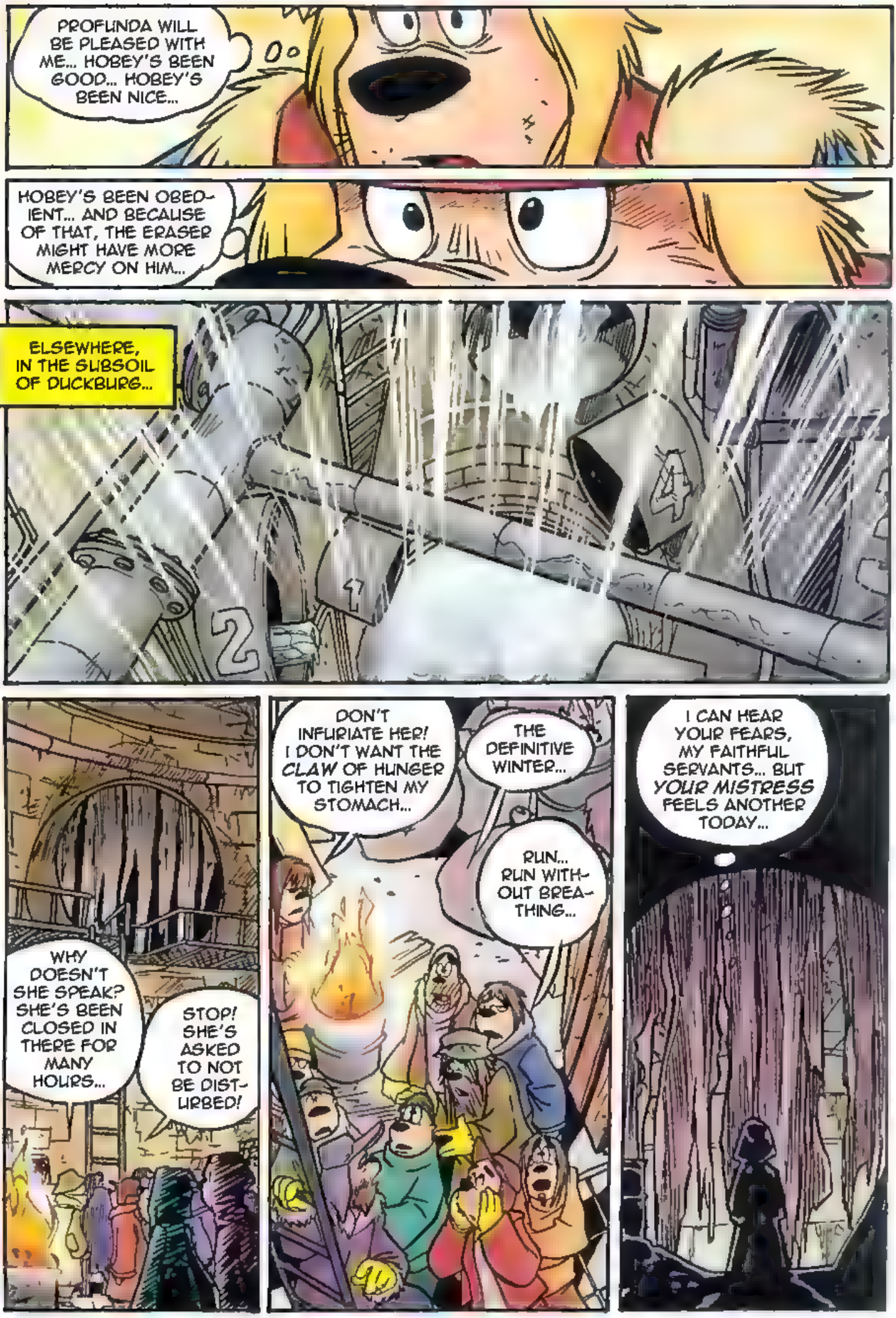

WELL, WELL, WELL...
HUH?
URGH! COMMANDER BLOOM! G... GUYS!
RUPERT POTOMAC! LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE COMPANY PAYS YOU TO KEEP WATCH ON THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THIS SHOPPING CENTER...
... AND NOT TO BE A SENTINEL IN FRONT OF BARNEY & BENSON!
EHEM... IT'S REALLY A COINCIDENCE THAT YOU FOUND ME HERE! I'VE BEEN DOING MY PATROL AND...
BARNEY & BENSON
... AND THOUGHT WELL TO STAKE OUT HIS FAVORITE SALESCLERK! ISN'T THAT SO, MY LITTLE RU-UUUPERT?
EHEM...
SHUT IT, FITZROY!
BY THE WAY, KID... I WANTED TO PRECISELY TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS! THE SHOP OWNERS HAVE COMPLAINED A LITTLE ABOUT YOU...
BUT I DO NO HARM! I STOP FROM TIME TO TIME IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW...
... GLUED IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW, I'D SAY! HE SCARES MY COSTUMERS WITH THAT FACE!
EHEM... I WAS GETTING TO THAT, MR. MILTON!

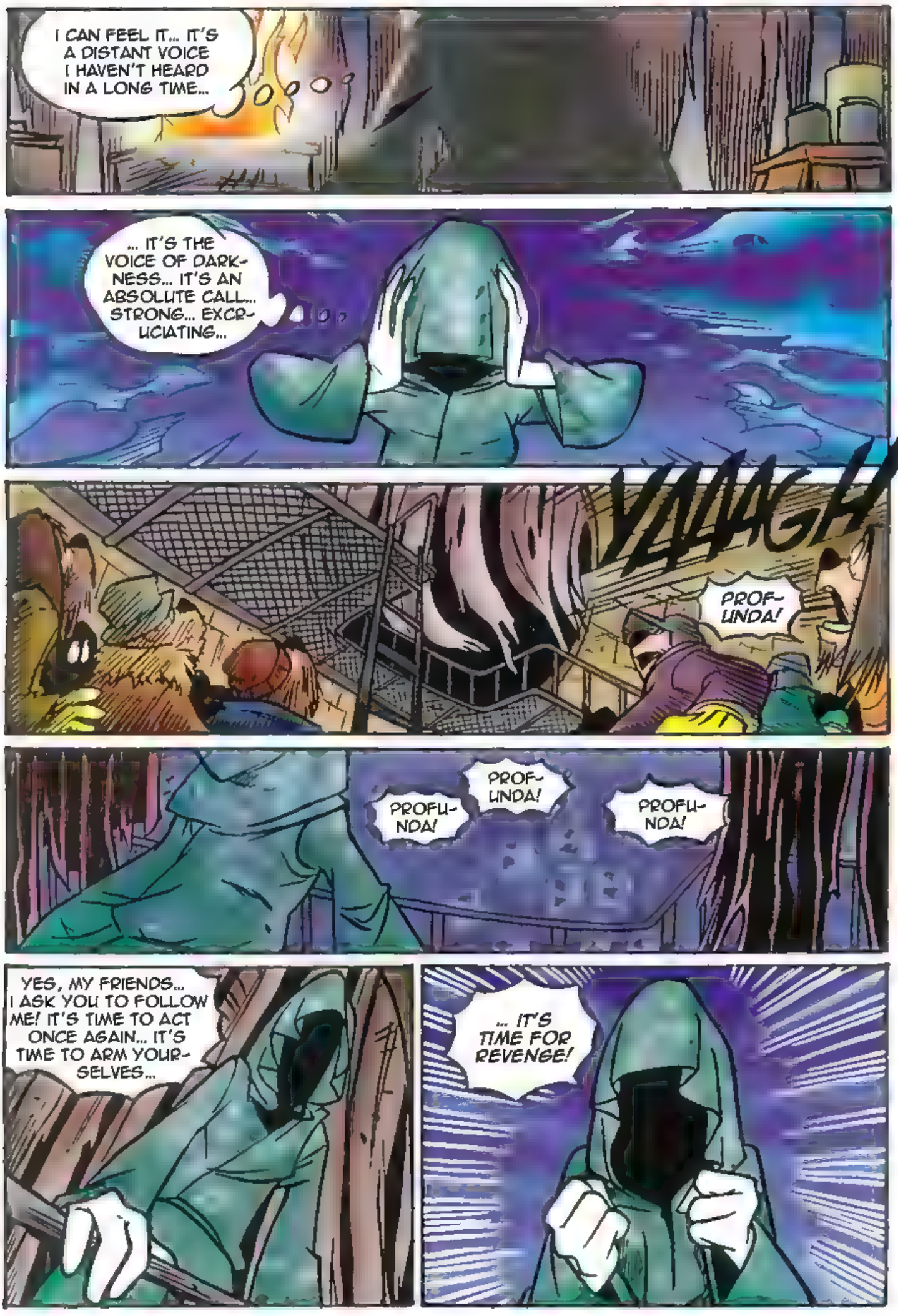
I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN! IF YOUR MAN BOTHERS MISS NICE AGAIN, I'LL MAKE A FORMAL COMPLAINT!
RUPERT IS A FRIEND, MR. MILTON! HE DOESN'T GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE...
HE GIVES ME TROUBLE! THIS GENTLEMAN DROOLS ON MY WINDOWS!
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT IT COSTS TO CLEAN UP ONE OF THOSE PANES OF VERY ELEGANT CRYSTAL?
EHEM... I ASSURE YOU IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, SIRS!
WE HOPE SO, BLOOM...
BREAK'S OVER, STELLA!
I-I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, SIR!
YOU WANT TO TAKE A WALK, RUPERT?
UH... ALRIGHT, COMMANDER!

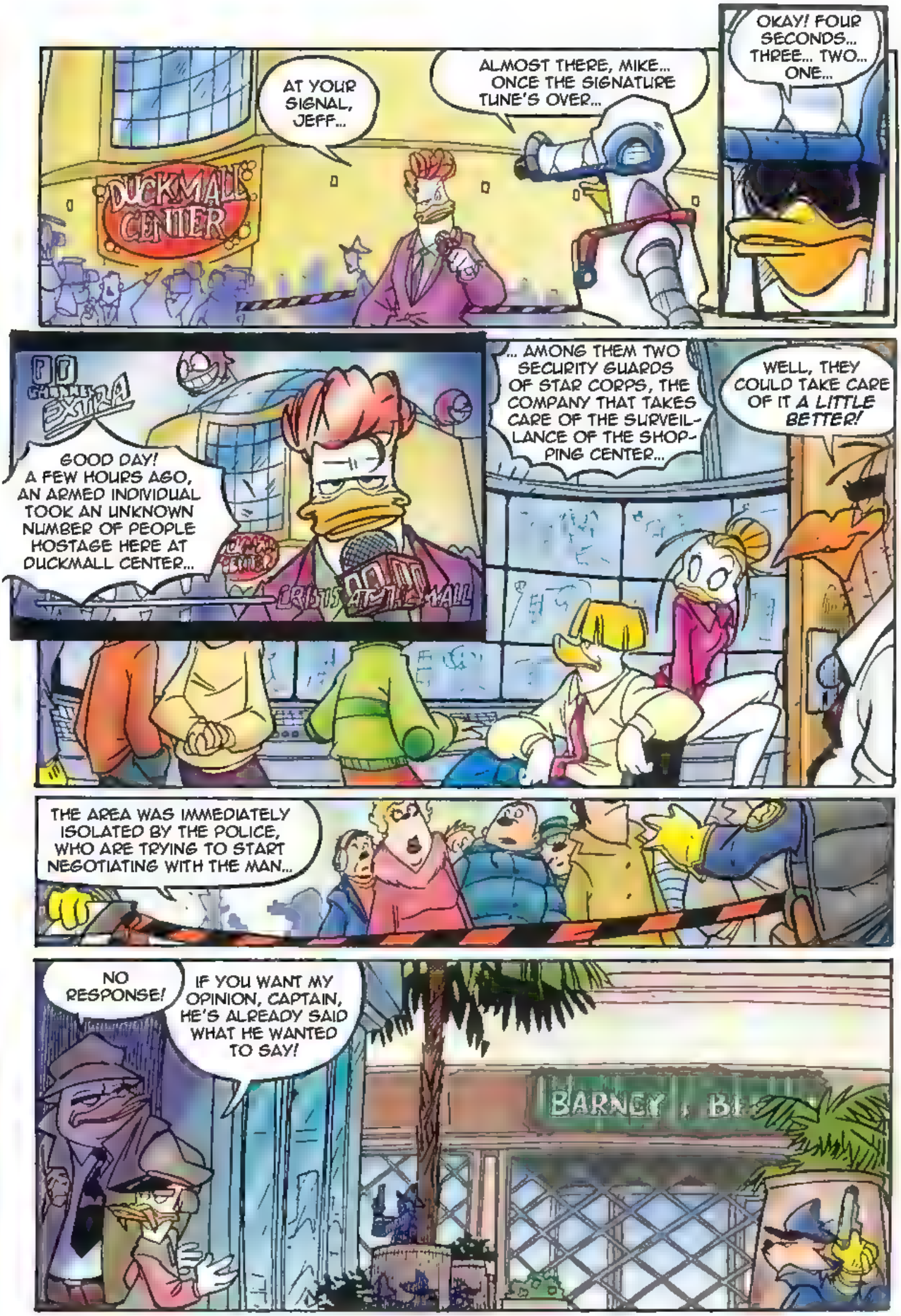

W-WHO WERE THOSE TWO MADMEN?
YOU JUST MET THE BROTHERS *BARNEY AND BENSON MILTON*, OWNERS OF THIS LUXURIOUS SHACK!
IN TIME YOU'LL ALSO LEARN TO *IGNORE THEM!*
I HOPE...
MAY I?
SPLOTCH
GO BUY A DOUBLE!
HEY! THANKS...
IN TIME...
HE HE HE!

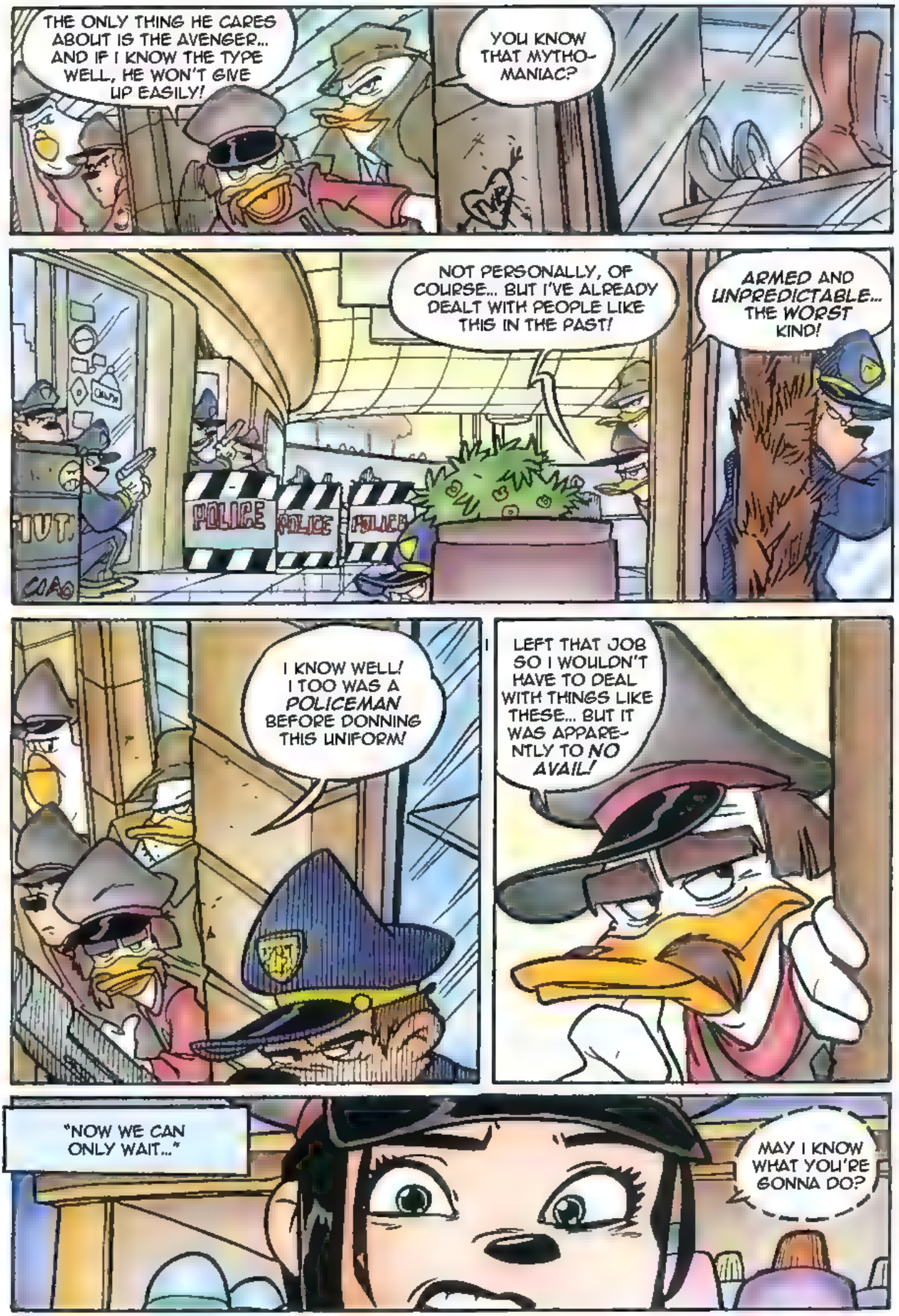
AND NOW...
... NOBODY MOVE!
GET IN, QUICK! NOBODY MOVE!
JUMP
YOU! LOWER THE SHUTTERS!
R-RIGHT AWAY!
BARN
AND NOBODY SCREAM! I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE! THIS ISN'T A ROBBERY...
WRRR
... I JUST WANT TO SPEAK WITH THE AVENGER!
!
WE'VE GOTTEN INTO A NICE MESS...
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
TUNK TUNK TUNK TUNK

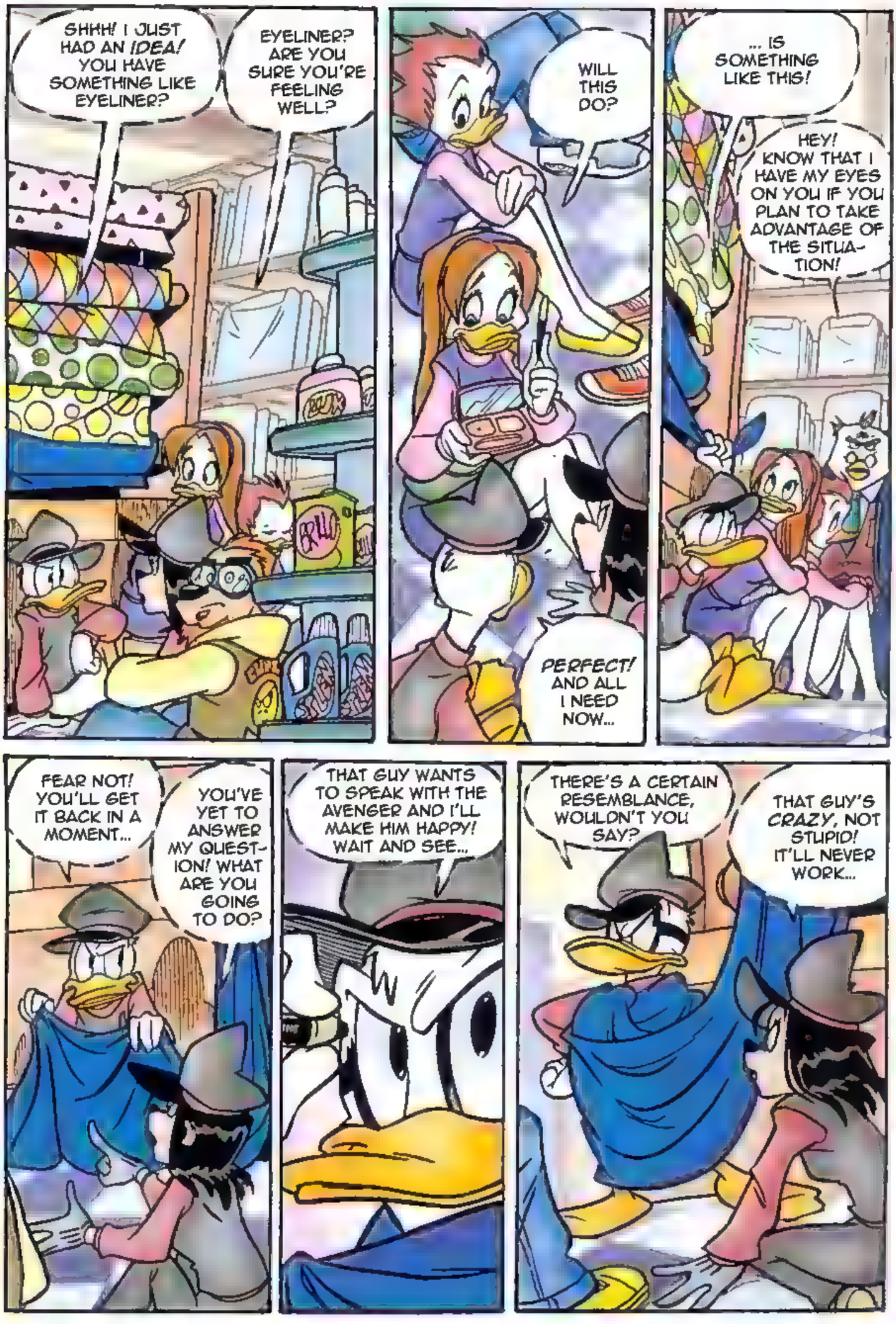

STOP! REMAIN CALM! DON'T...
NO! I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE! LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT!
CLANG
DENG
DON'T GET AGITATED AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!
HEAR THAT? EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!
YOU HEAR ME OUT THERE? I'M ARMED AND HAVE MANY HOSTAGES!
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH THE AVENGER! BRING HIM TO ME AND I'LL LET THEM GO UNHARMED!
THIS MISFIT'S TERRORIZING EVERYONE!
BUT I'VE SEEN THAT GUY BEFORE! OF COURSE...
"... IT'S ONE OF THE BUMS UNDER THE ORDERS OF PROFUNDA!"
I'VE DONE MY TASK... NOW I JUST HAVE TO WAIT...


PROFUNDA WILL BE PLEASED WITH ME... HOBEY'S BEEN GOOD... HOBEY'S BEEN NICE...
HOBEY'S BEEN OBEDIENT... AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THE ERASER MIGHT HAVE MORE MERCY ON HIM...
ELSEWHERE, IN THE SUBSOIL OF DUCKBURG...
WHY DOESN'T SHE SPEAK? SHE'S BEEN CLOSED IN THERE FOR MANY HOURS...
STOP! SHE'S ASKED TO NOT BE DISTURBED!
DON'T INFURIATE HER! I DON'T WANT THE CLAW OF HUNGER TO TIGHTEN MY STOMACH...
THE DEFINITIVE WINTER...
RUN... RUN WITHOUT BREATHING...
I CAN HEAR YOUR FEARS, MY FAITHFUL SERVANTS... BUT YOUR MISTRESS FEELS ANOTHER TODAY...


I CAN FEEL IT... IT'S A DISTANT VOICE I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A LONG TIME...
... IT'S THE VOICE OF DARKNESS... IT'S AN ABSOLUTE CALL... STRONG... EXCRUCIATING...
YAAAGH!
PROFUNDA!
PROFUNDA!
PROFUNDA!
PROFUNDA!
YES, MY FRIENDS... I ASK YOU TO FOLLOW ME! IT'S TIME TO ACT ONCE AGAIN... IT'S TIME TO ARM YOURSELVES...
... IT'S TIME FOR REVENGE!

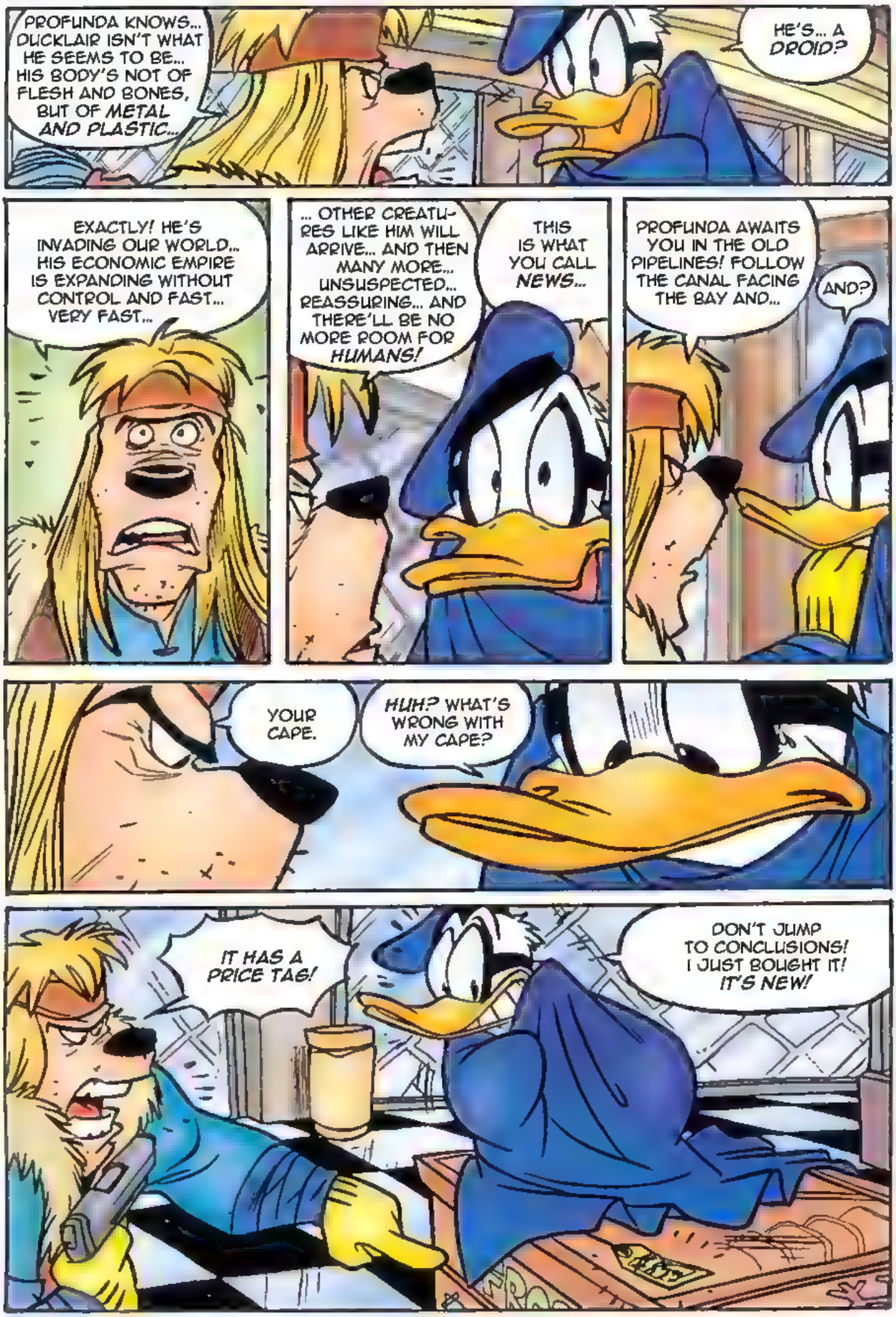

DUCKMALL CENTER
AT YOUR SIGNAL, JEFF...
ALMOST THERE, MIKE... ONCE THE SIGNATURE TUNE'S OVER...
OKAY! FOUR SECONDS... THREE... TWO... ONE...
DD CHANNEL EXTRA
GOOD DAY! A FEW HOURS AGO, AN ARMED INDIVIDUAL TOOK AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOSTAGE HERE AT DUCKMALL CENTER...
CRISIS AT THE MALL
... AMONG THEM TWO SECURITY GUARDS OF STAR CORPS, THE COMPANY THAT TAKES CARE OF THE SURVEILLANCE OF THE SHOPPING CENTER...
WELL, THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF IT A LITTLE BETTER!
THE AREA WAS IMMEDIATELY ISOLATED BY THE POLICE, WHO ARE TRYING TO START NEGOTIATING WITH THE MAN...
NO RESPONSE!
IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, CAPTAIN, HE'S ALREADY SAID WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY!
BARNEY


THE ONLY THING HE CARES ABOUT IS THE AVENGER... AND IF I KNOW THE TYPE WELL, HE WON'T GIVE UP EASILY!
YOU KNOW THAT MYTHO-MANIAC?
NOT PERSONALLY, OF COURSE... BUT I'VE ALREADY DEALT WITH PEOPLE LIKE THIS IN THE PAST!
ARMED AND UNPREDICTABLE... THE WORST KIND!
POLICE
I KNOW WELL! I TOO WAS A POLICEMAN BEFORE DONNING THIS UNIFORM!
LEFT THAT JOB SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THINGS LIKE THESE... BUT IT WAS APPARE-NTLY TO NO AVAIL!
"NOW WE CAN ONLY WAIT..."
MAY I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO?


SHHH! I JUST HAD AN IDEA! YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE EYELINER?
EYELINER? ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FEELING WELL?
WILL THIS DO?
PERFECT! AND ALL I NEED NOW...
... IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
HEY! I KNOW THAT I HAVE MY EYES ON YOU IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION!
FEAR NOT! YOU'LL GET IT BACK IN A MOMENT...
YOU'VE YET TO ANSWER MY QUESTION! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THAT GUY WANTS TO SPEAK WITH THE AVENGER AND I'LL MAKE HIM HAPPY! WAIT AND SEE...
THERE'S A CERTAIN RESEMBLANCE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
THAT GUY'S CRAZY, NOT STUPID! IT'LL NEVER WORK...

I ONLY NEED TO DISTRACT HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE... TILL WE CAN SURPRISE AND DISARM HIM!
GET BACK HERE! IT'S *DANGEROUS!*
IT'S *RIDICULOUS*, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE! THE *REAL* AVENGER *PRETENDS* TO BE THE AVENGER! IT'S REALLY TRUE...
"... ONCE YOU HIT ROCK BOTTOM, YOU CAN ONLY GO UP!"
HEY!
HUH?
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ME?
AVENGER! IT'S REALLY YOU?
HOW DID YOU GET IN?
IF YOU KNOW ME, YOU KNOW THERE'S *LITTLE* THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME...

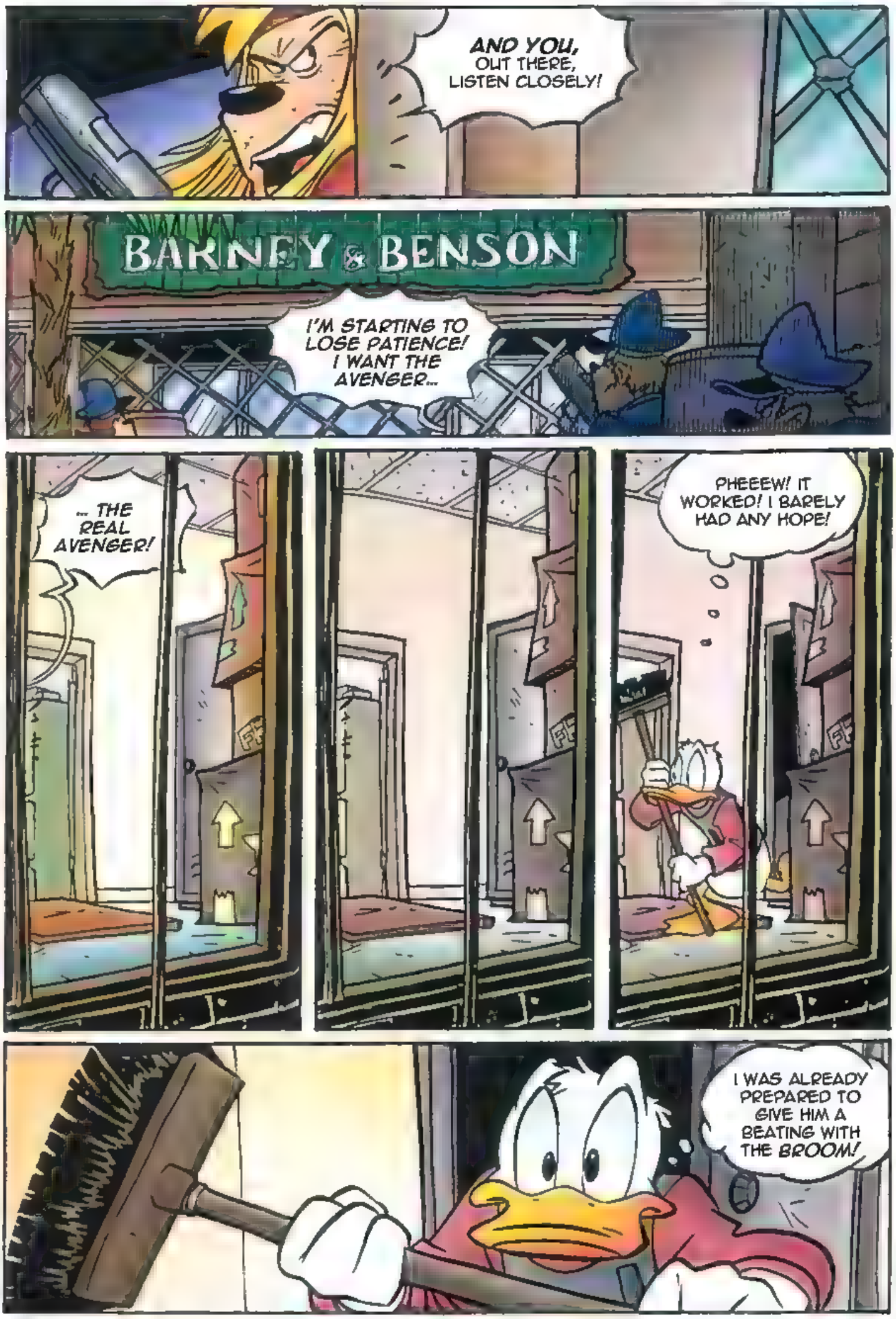
I... I MUST TALK TO YOU!
AND I'M HERE TO LISTEN! BUT FIRST I WANT YOU TO RELEASE THESE PEOPLE!
YOUR ACTIONS HAVE PUT MANY INNOCENTS IN DANGER!
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO MEET YOU! I KNEW YOU'D COME!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
NOTHING FOR ME...
... BUT MUCH FOR PROFUNDA! MY MISTRESS WANTS TO MEET YOU!
OH! APPARENTLY I'M VERY POPULAR IN SOCIETY! MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO HIRE A SECRETARY!
APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, OPENING CEREMONIES... THIS IS THE SIGN OF SUCCESS!
A GREAT DANGER LOOMS OVER THE CITY...
... AND ITS NAME IS EVERETT DUCKLAIR! PROFUNDA SAYS HE'S YOUR ENEMY...
... AND ONLY IF YOU'RE UNITED YOU CAN DEFEAT HIM!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?


PROFUNDA KNOWS... DUCKLAIR ISN'T WHAT HE SEEMS TO BE... HIS BODY'S NOT OF FLESH AND BONES, BUT OF METAL AND PLASTIC...
HE'S... A DROID?
EXACTLY! HE'S INVADING OUR WORLD... HIS ECONOMIC EMPIRE IS EXPANDING WITHOUT CONTROL AND FAST... VERY FAST...
... OTHER CREATURES LIKE HIM WILL ARRIVE... AND THEN MANY MORE... UNSUSPECTED... REASSURING... AND THERE'LL BE NO MORE ROOM FOR HUMANS!
THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL NEWS...
PROFUNDA AWAITS YOU IN THE OLD PIPELINES! FOLLOW THE CANAL FACING THE BAY AND...
AND?
YOUR CAPE.
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY CAPE?
IT HAS A PRICE TAG!
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS! I JUST BOUGHT IT! IT'S NEW!

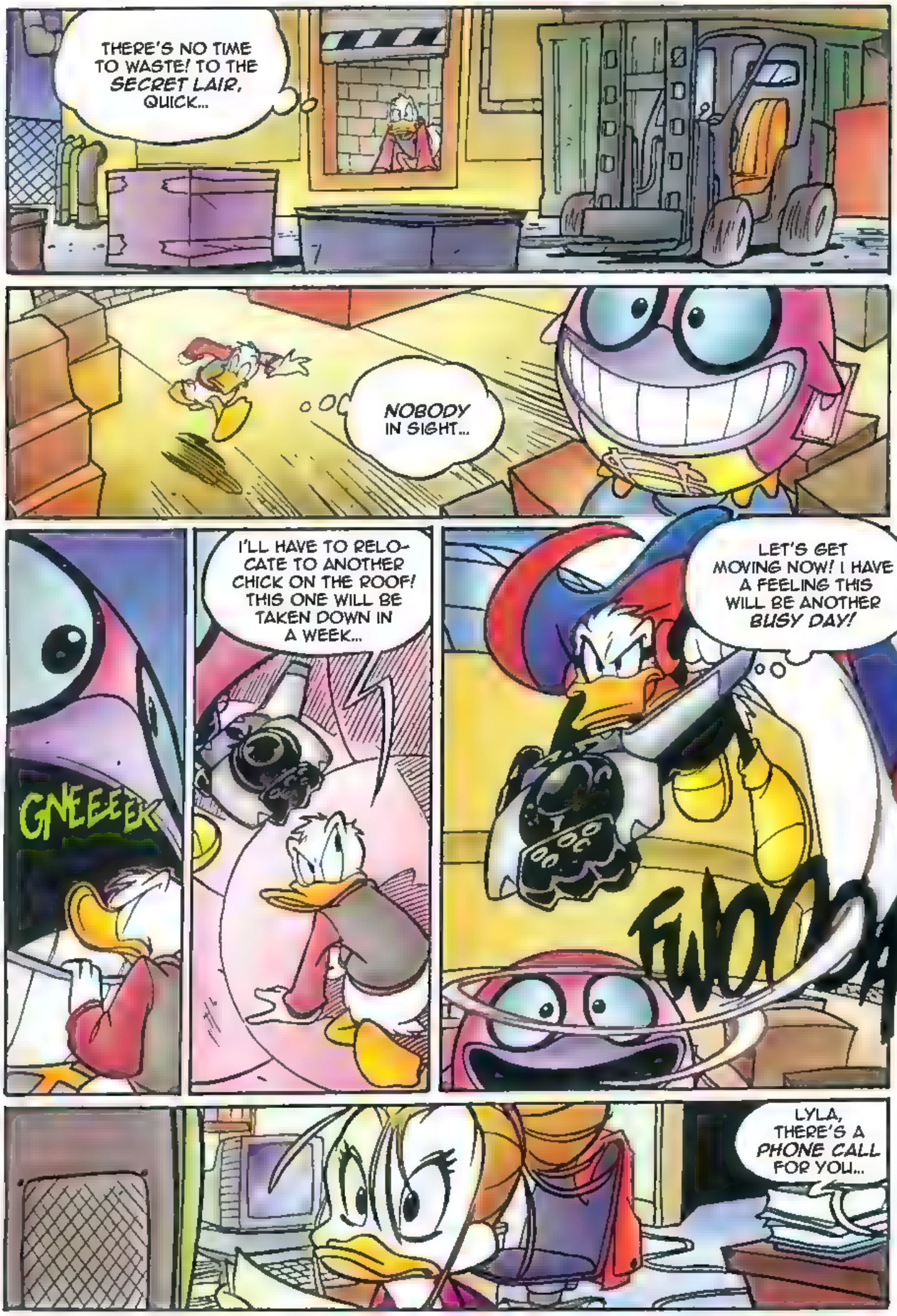
YOU'VE TRICKED ME! YOU'RE NOT THE AVENGER!
UH OH...
SWISH
RRRRRAH...
UNGH...
BANG
?
WHAT'S GOING...
YOU'LL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS!
TAKE COVER!
OUFF!
SOCK
BANG BANG BANG
THERE ARE SOME VERY TOUCHY PEOPLE IN ACTION THESE DAYS!
FROM HERE YOU GET TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE...
FRAG
STAFF ONLY
SLAM

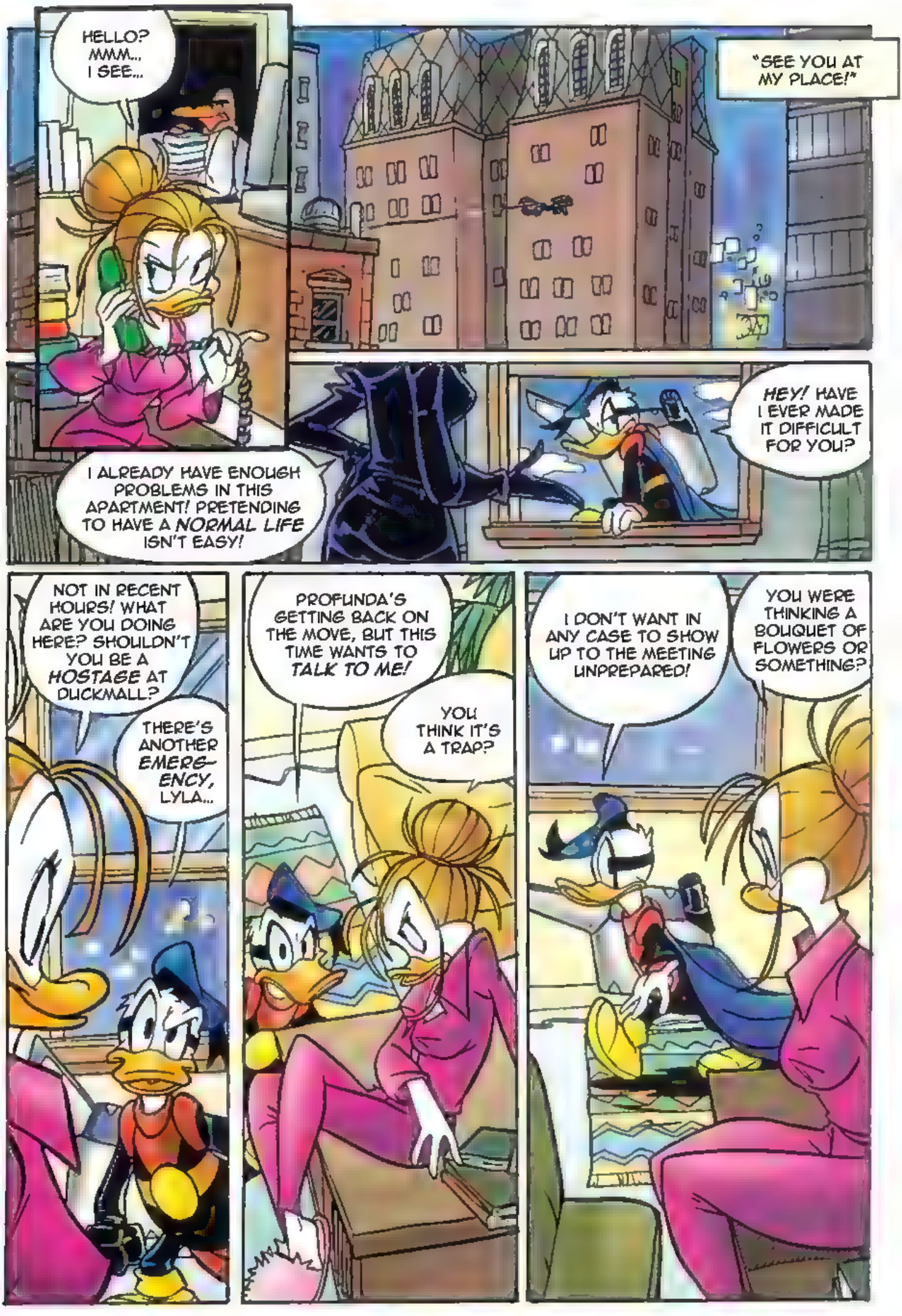
... AND THAT LIFT MUST BE THE *FASTEST* WAY TO GET THERE! OKAY...
MAIL
... ALL GOOD IDEAS USUALLY COME WHEN YOU'RE *FRIGHTENED!*
SKRAAAG
WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU GO? *NOBODY MAKES FUN OF PROFUNDA!*
AH...
WZZZ
TOOK THE ELEVATOR, HUH?
WZZZZZZ

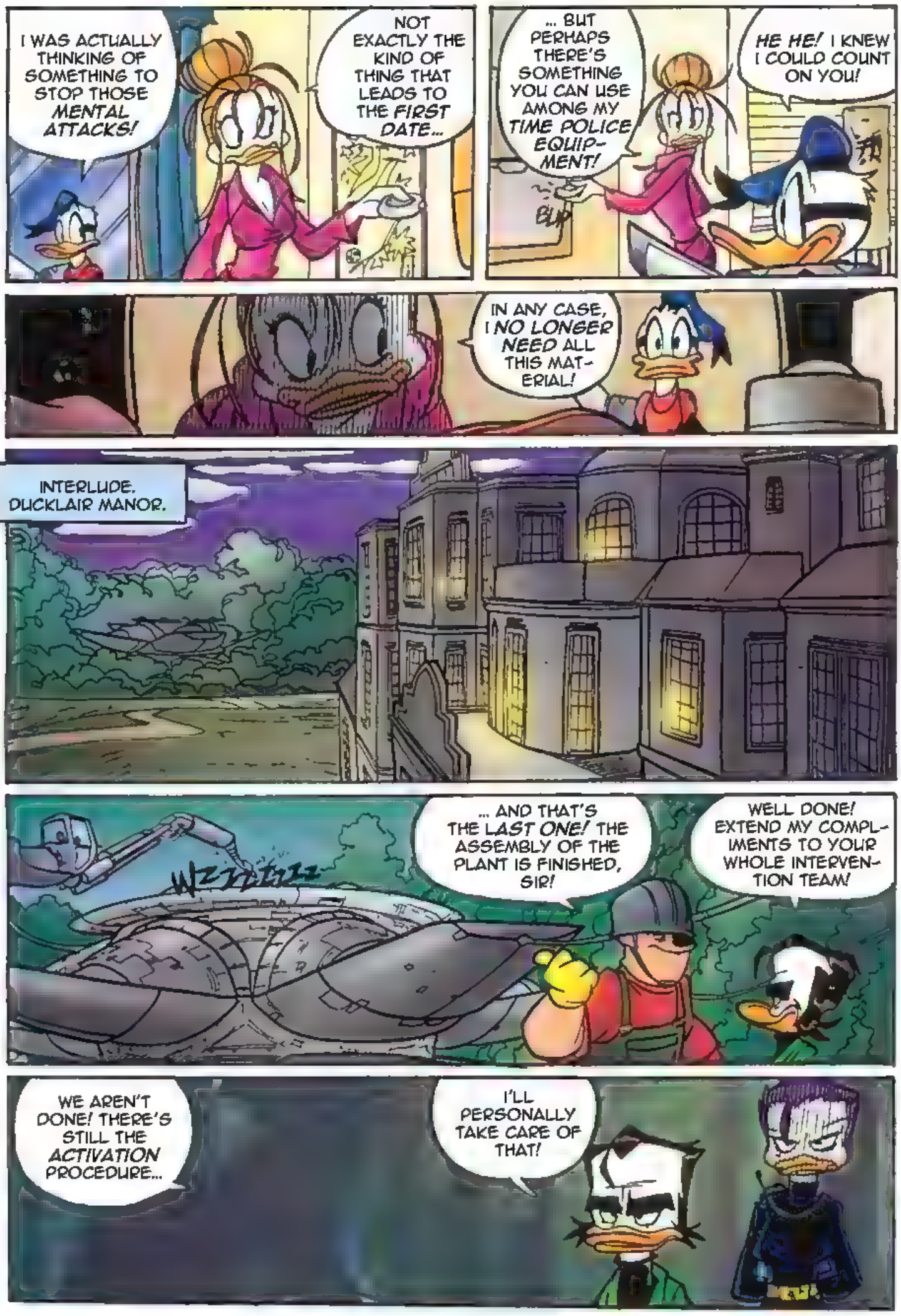
... BUT, UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS!
CLANK
SO LONG, DUCK...
SLAM
BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG
OH NO... DONALD!
WHAT... WHAT DID HE DO?
LEAVE, QUICK! GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE HE RETURNS...
I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WERE YOU...
... IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN YOUR FRIEND!

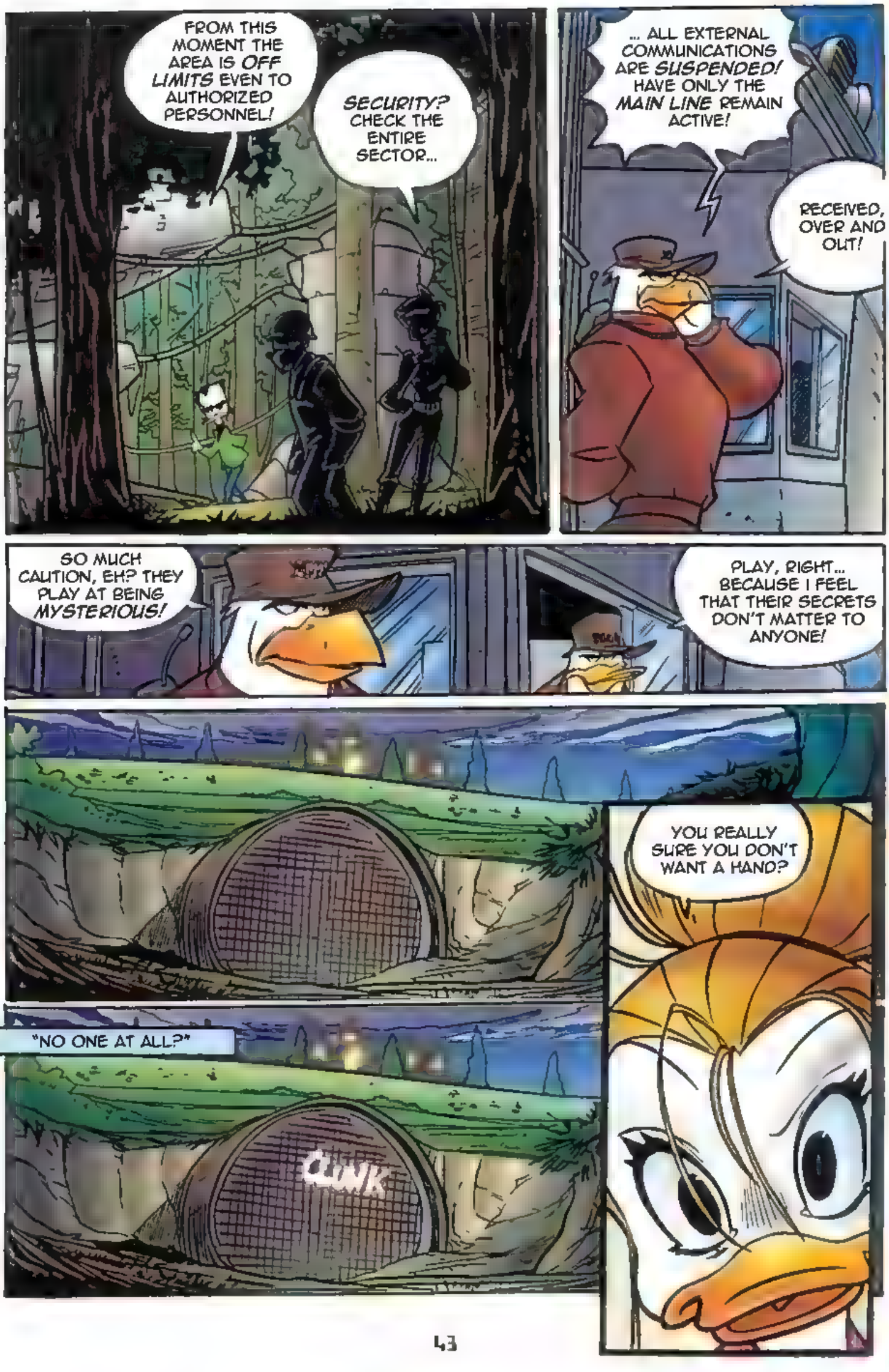

AND YOU, OUT THERE, LISTEN CLOSELY!
BARNEY & BENSON
I'M STARTING TO LOSE PATIENCE! I WANT THE AVENGER...
... THE REAL AVENGER!
PHEEEW! IT WORKED! I BARELY HAD ANY HOPE!
I WAS ALREADY PREPARED TO GIVE HIM A BEATING WITH THE BROOM!

BUT NOW I'D BETTER GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION!
AND THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY SECURE AND SILENT ESCAPE ROUTE!
SKRAING
GRUNCH
GROAN! AS THEY SAY... WHAT MATTERS IS THE RESULT!

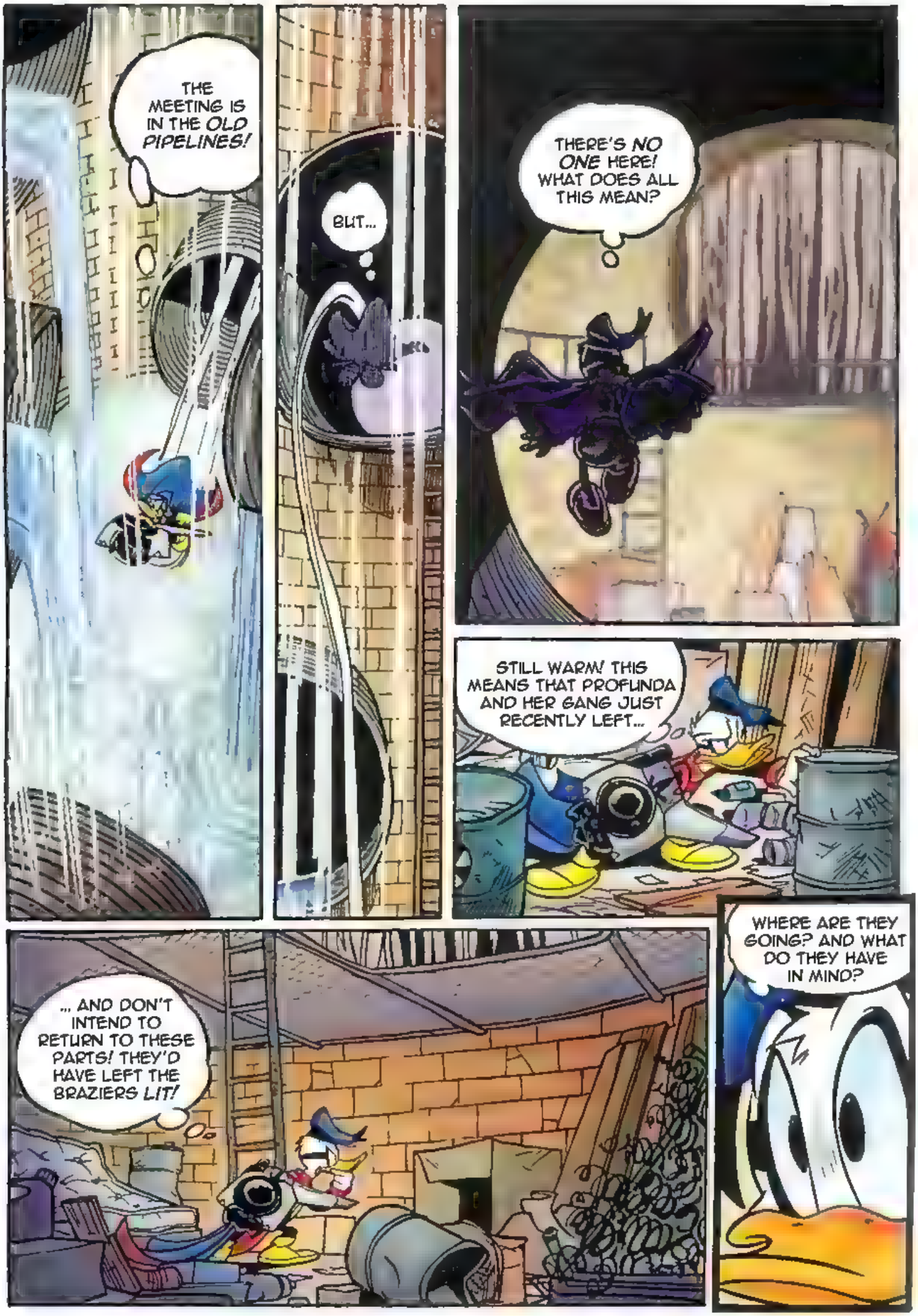

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE! TO THE SECRET LAIR, QUICK...
NOBODY IN SIGHT...
GNEEEEEK
I'LL HAVE TO RELOCATE TO ANOTHER CHICK ON THE ROOF! THIS ONE WILL BE TAKEN DOWN IN A WEEK...
LET'S GET MOVING NOW! I HAVE A FEELING THIS WILL BE ANOTHER BUSY DAY!
FWOOP
LYLA, THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU...

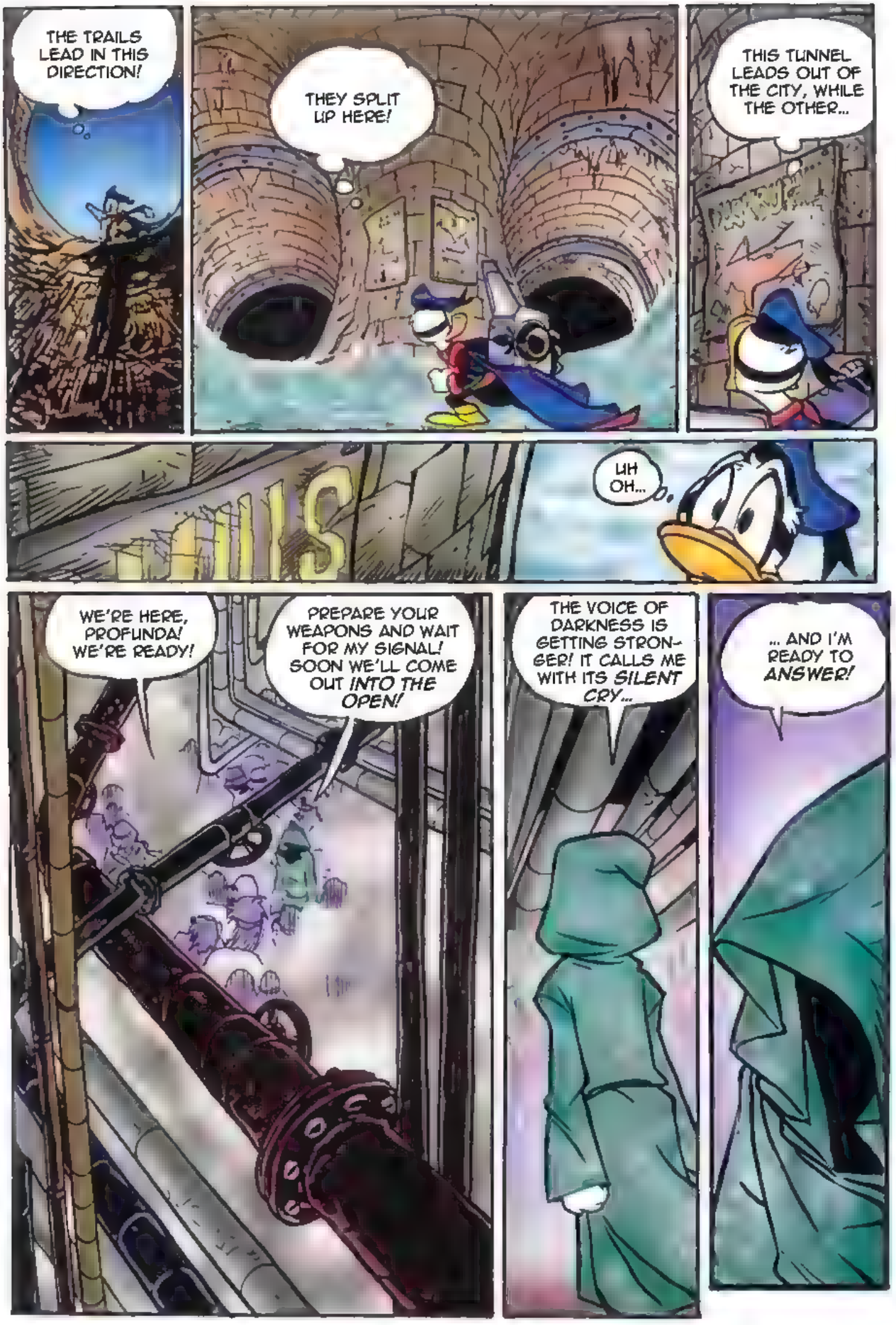

HELLO? MMM... I SEE...
"SEE YOU AT MY PLACE!"
I ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THIS APARTMENT! PRETENDING TO HAVE A NORMAL LIFE ISN'T EASY!
HEY! HAVE I EVER MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU?
NOT IN RECENT HOURS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? SHOULDN'T YOU BE A HOSTAGE AT DUCKMALL?
THERE'S ANOTHER EMERGENCY, LYLA...
PROFUNDA'S GETTING BACK ON THE MOVE, BUT THIS TIME WANTS TO TALK TO ME!
YOU THINK IT'S A TRAP?
I DON'T WANT IN ANY CASE TO SHOW UP TO THE MEETING UNPREPARED!
YOU WERE THINKING A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS OR SOMETHING?


I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING OF SOMETHING TO STOP THOSE MENTAL ATTACKS!
NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING THAT LEADS TO THE FIRST DATE...
... BUT PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN USE AMONG MY TIME POLICE EQUIP-MENT!
BLIP
HE HE! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU!
IN ANY CASE, I NO LONGER NEED ALL THIS MAT-ERIAL!
INTERLUDE. DUCKLAIR MANOR.
WZZZZZZZ
... AND THAT'S THE LAST ONE! THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PLANT IS FINISHED, SIR!
WELL DONE! EXTEND MY COMPL-IMENTS TO YOUR WHOLE INTERVEN-TION TEAM!
WE AREN'T DONE! THERE'S STILL THE ACTIVATION PROCEDURE...
I'LL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF THAT!


FROM THIS MOMENT THE AREA IS OFF LIMITS EVEN TO AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL!
SECURITY? CHECK THE ENTIRE SECTOR...
... ALL EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS ARE SUSPENDED! HAVE ONLY THE MAIN LINE REMAIN ACTIVE!
RECEIVED, OVER AND OUT!
SO MUCH CAUTION, EH? THEY PLAY AT BEING MYSTERIOUS!
PLAY, RIGHT... BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THEIR SECRETS DON'T MATTER TO ANYONE!
YOU REALLY SURE YOU DON'T WANT A HAND?
"NO ONE AT ALL?"
dunk

IF YOUR SHIELDING SYSTEM WORKS, THERE'LL BE NO NEED FOR IT!
YOU SHOULD RESIST PROFUNDA'S PSYCHIC WAVES, BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...
I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY! I'D LIKE TO AVOID A NEW PANIC ATTACK!
FU-WOOOW
THAT GIRL MAKES ME MISS THE EVRONIANS! YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN GET IN YOUR HEAD!
PROFUNDA'S TOO POWERFUL! SHE CAN CONTROL PEOPLE AT GREAT DISTANCE!
THAT GUY AT DUCKMALL IS UNDER HER INFLUENCE...
ONCE I'M FINISHED DOWN HERE I'LL HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM TO SOLVE!

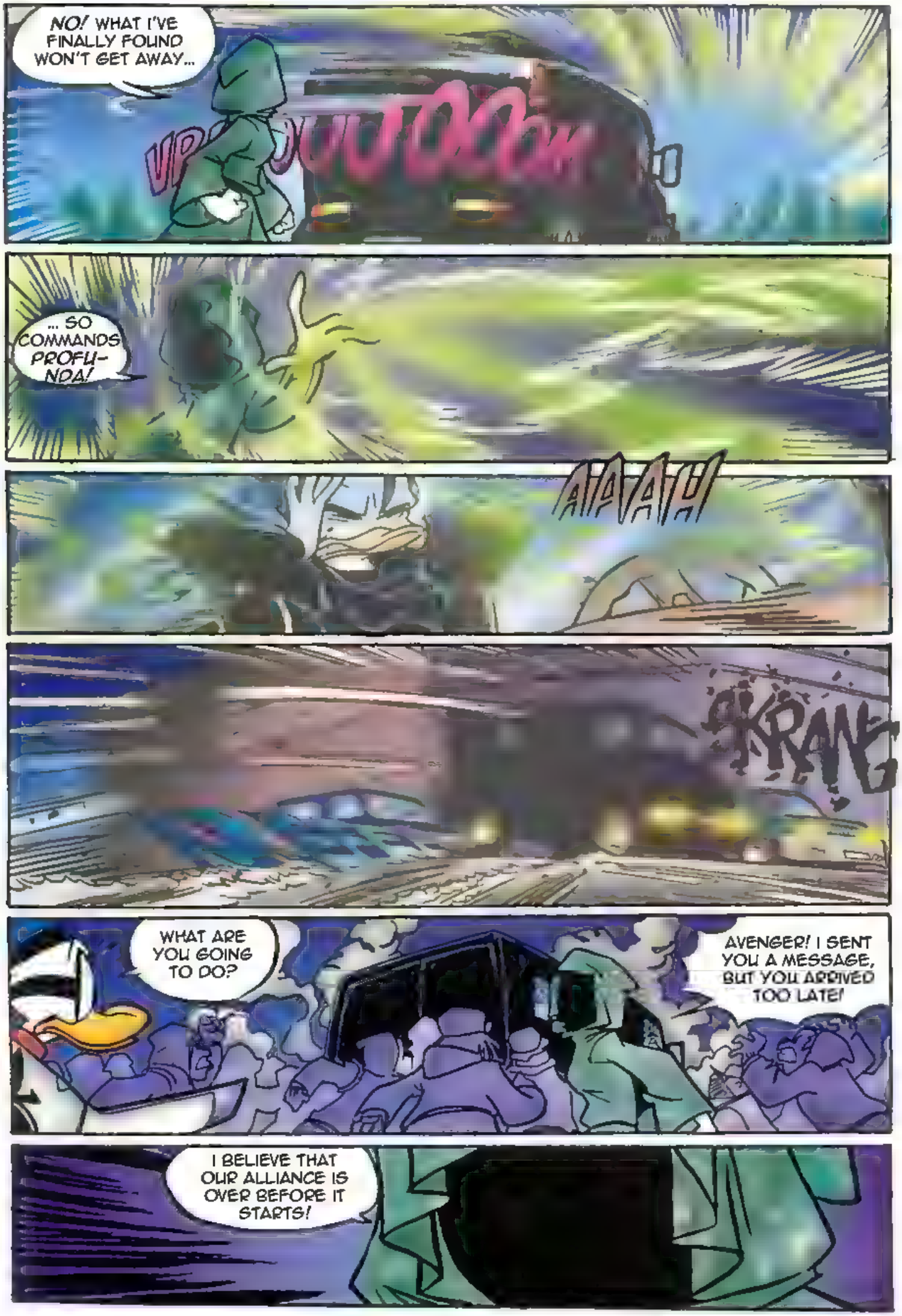

THE MEETING IS IN THE OLD PIPELINES!
BUT...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE! WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?
STILL WARM! THIS MEANS THAT PROFUNDA AND HER GANG JUST RECENTLY LEFT...
... AND DON'T INTEND TO RETURN TO THESE PARTS! THEY'D HAVE LEFT THE BRAZIERS LIT!
WHERE ARE THEY GOING? AND WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN MIND?

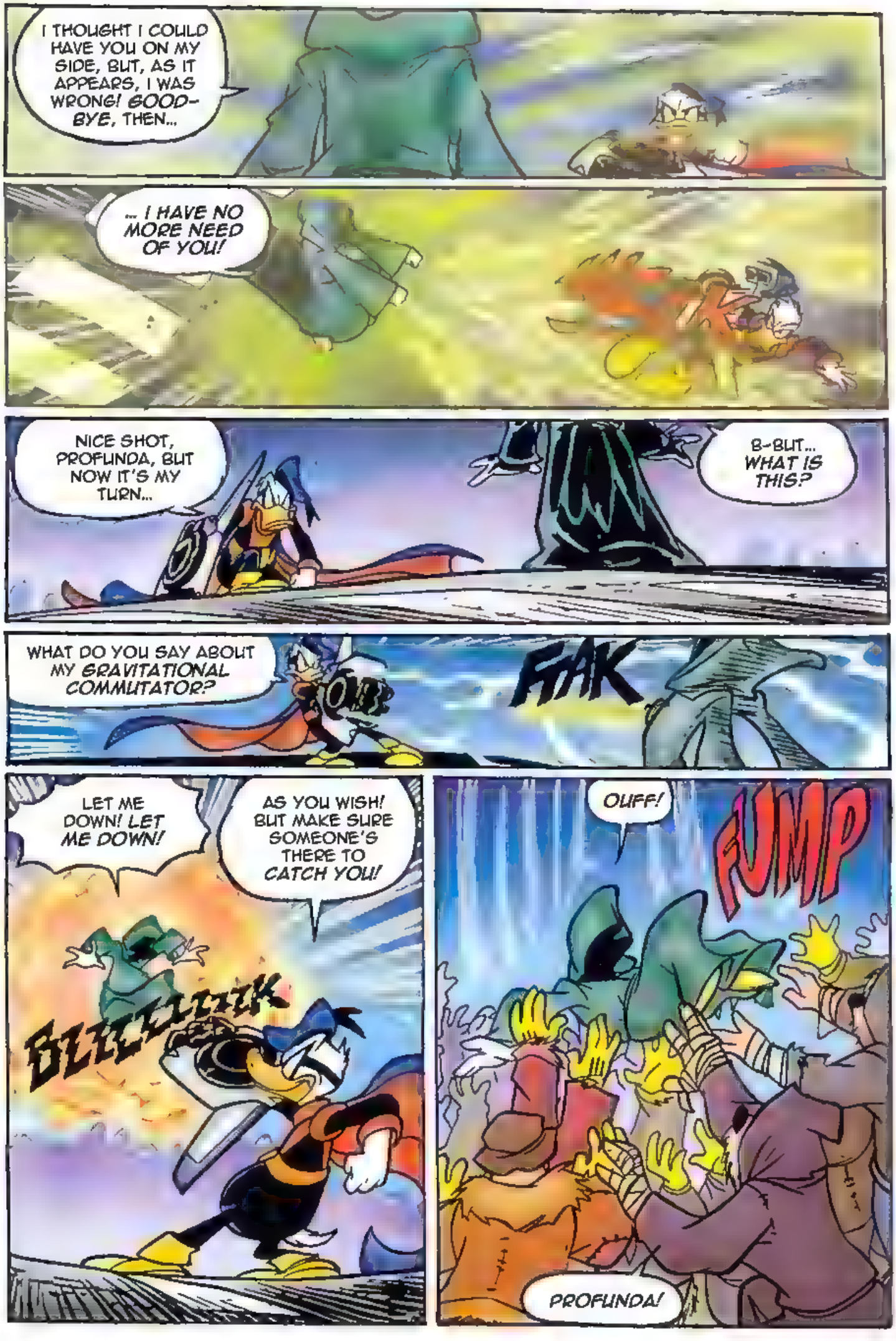

THE TRAILS LEAD IN THIS DIRECTION!
THEY SPLIT UP HERE!
THIS TUNNEL LEADS OUT OF THE CITY, WHILE THE OTHER...
UH OH...
WE'RE HERE, PROFUNDA! WE'RE READY!
PREPARE YOUR WEAPONS AND WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL! SOON WE'LL COME OUT INTO THE OPEN!
THE VOICE OF DARKNESS IS GETTING STRONGER! IT CALLS ME WITH ITS SILENT CRY...
... AND I'M READY TO ANSWER!

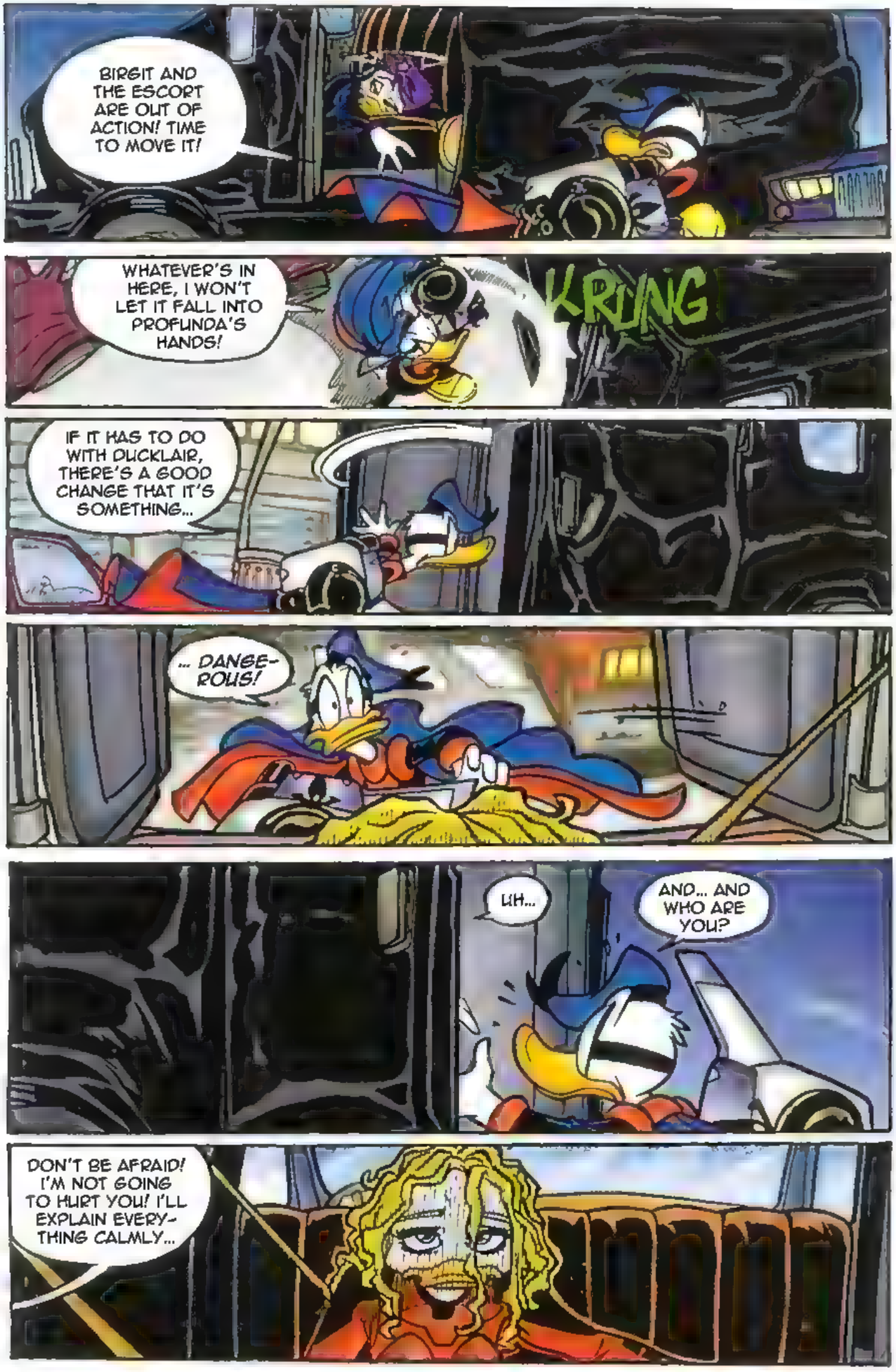
ALL CLEAR?
AFFIRMATIVE! YOU MAY PROCEED!
VRRRRRRRRRR
LET'S MOVE IT! LET MR. DUCKLAIR KNOW...
JUNIPER IS RETURNING HOME!
KRAAOOMM
NOW!

HEY!
FTUMP
BWANG
KRE KREEEE
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
DON'T STOP! DON'T STOP!
THAT SIGNED POINTED TO THE OLD VAN DUCK PLAZA! BUT THAT PLACE'S NOT CALLED THAT TODAY...
... BECAUSE TODAY DUCKLAIR TOWER STANDS THERE!
YAAAH!
BWANG
BWANG
BWANG

NO GUNS, PAL! I DON'T LIKE THEM!
STUNK
THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST US, ARE AGAINST PROFUNDA...
... AND THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST PROFUNDA ARE AGAINST US!
WELL, I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT LOGIC...
... BUT THE WARNING GOES FOR YOU TOO!
FORGET THE MASKED DUCK! IT'S THE GIRL I WANT!
PROF-UNDA!
THEY'RE SURROUNDING US! ACCELERATE! ACCELERATE!
BUT... I CAN'T! THEY'RE TOO CLOSE!
GET OFF, IDIOT!
SICK
UMPF!


NO! WHAT I'VE FINALLY FOUND WON'T GET AWAY...
VRUUUUUUUM
... SO COMMANDS PROFU-NDA!
AIAAH!
KRANG
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
AVENGER! I SENT YOU A MESSAGE, BUT YOU ARRIVED TOO LATE!
I BELIEVE THAT OUR ALLIANCE IS OVER BEFORE IT STARTS!

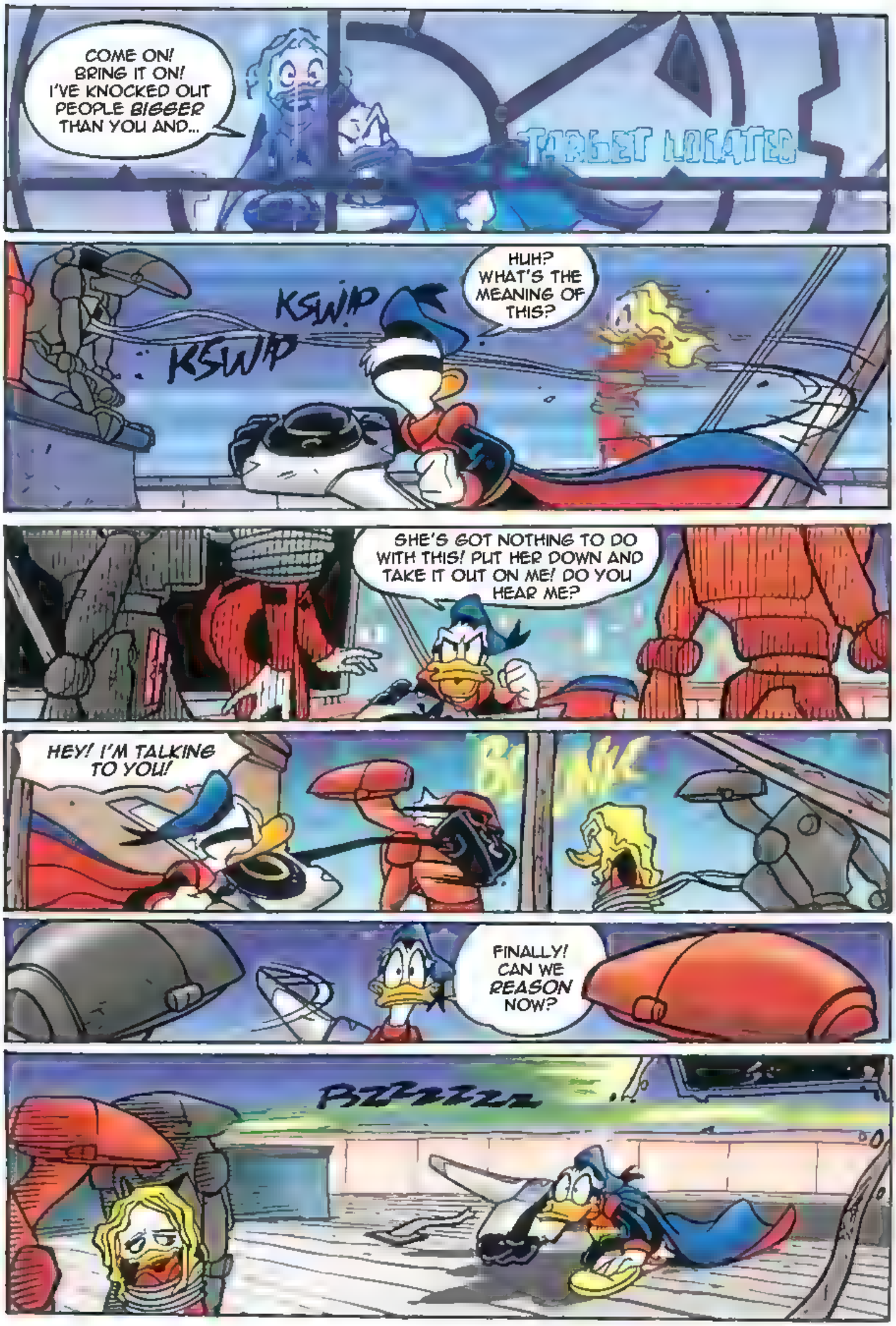

I THOUGHT I COULD HAVE YOU ON MY SIDE, BUT, AS IT APPEARS, I WAS WRONG! GOOD-BYE, THEN...
... I HAVE NO MORE NEED OF YOU!
NICE SHOT, PROFUNDA, BUT NOW IT'S MY TURN...
B-BUT... WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT MY GRAVITATIONAL COMMUTATOR?
FIAK
LET ME DOWN! LET ME DOWN!
AS YOU WISH! BUT MAKE SURE SOMEONE'S THERE TO CATCH YOU!
BLEEEEEEK
OUFF!
FUMP
PROFUNDA!

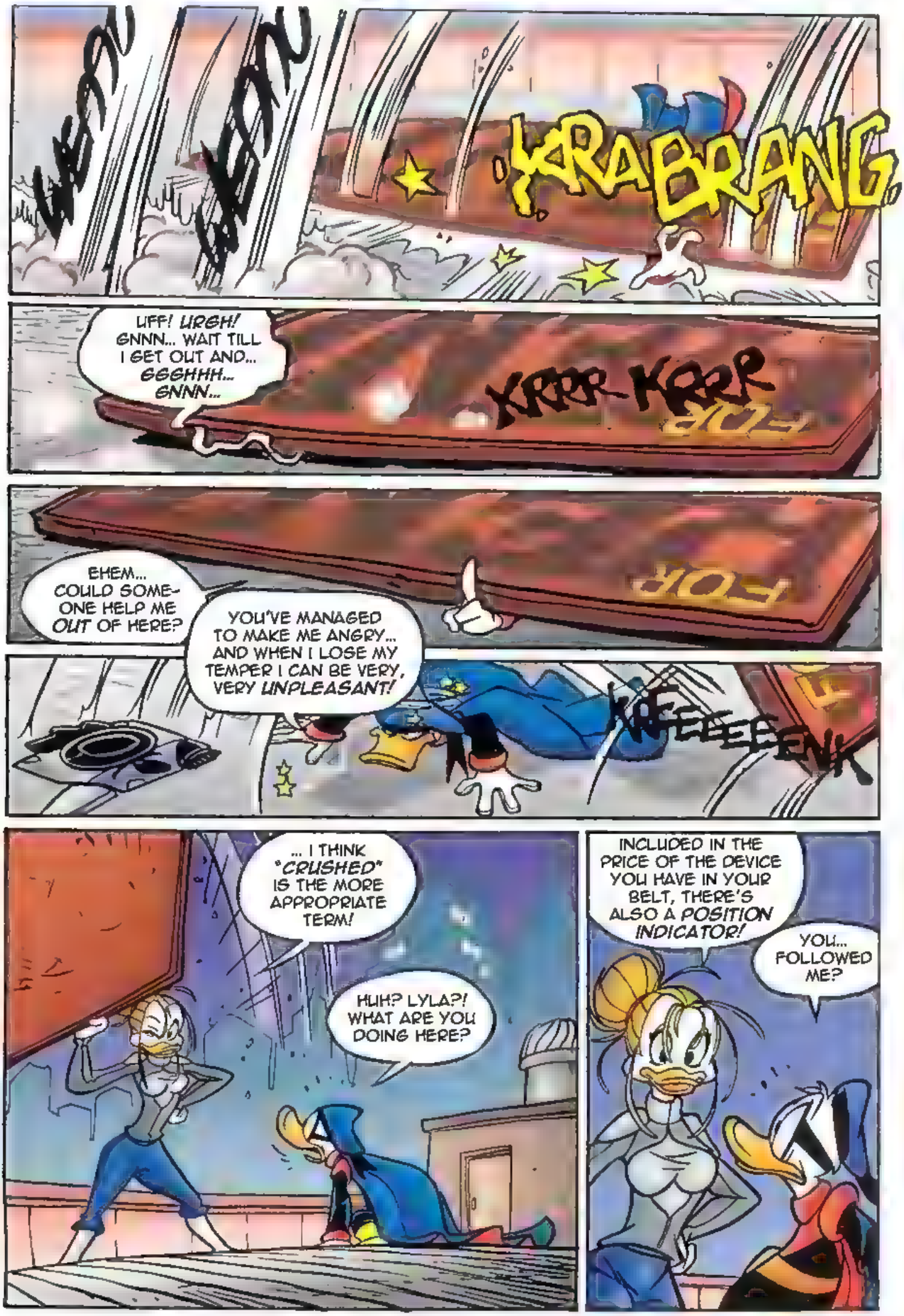

BIRGIT AND THE ESCORT ARE OUT OF ACTION! TIME TO MOVE IT!
WHATEVER'S IN HERE, I WON'T LET IT FALL INTO PROFUNDA'S HANDS!
KRUNG
IF IT HAS TO DO WITH DUCKLAIR, THERE'S A GOOD CHANGE THAT IT'S SOMETHING...
... DANGE-ROUS!
UH...
AND... AND WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T BE AFRAID! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU! I'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING CALMLY...

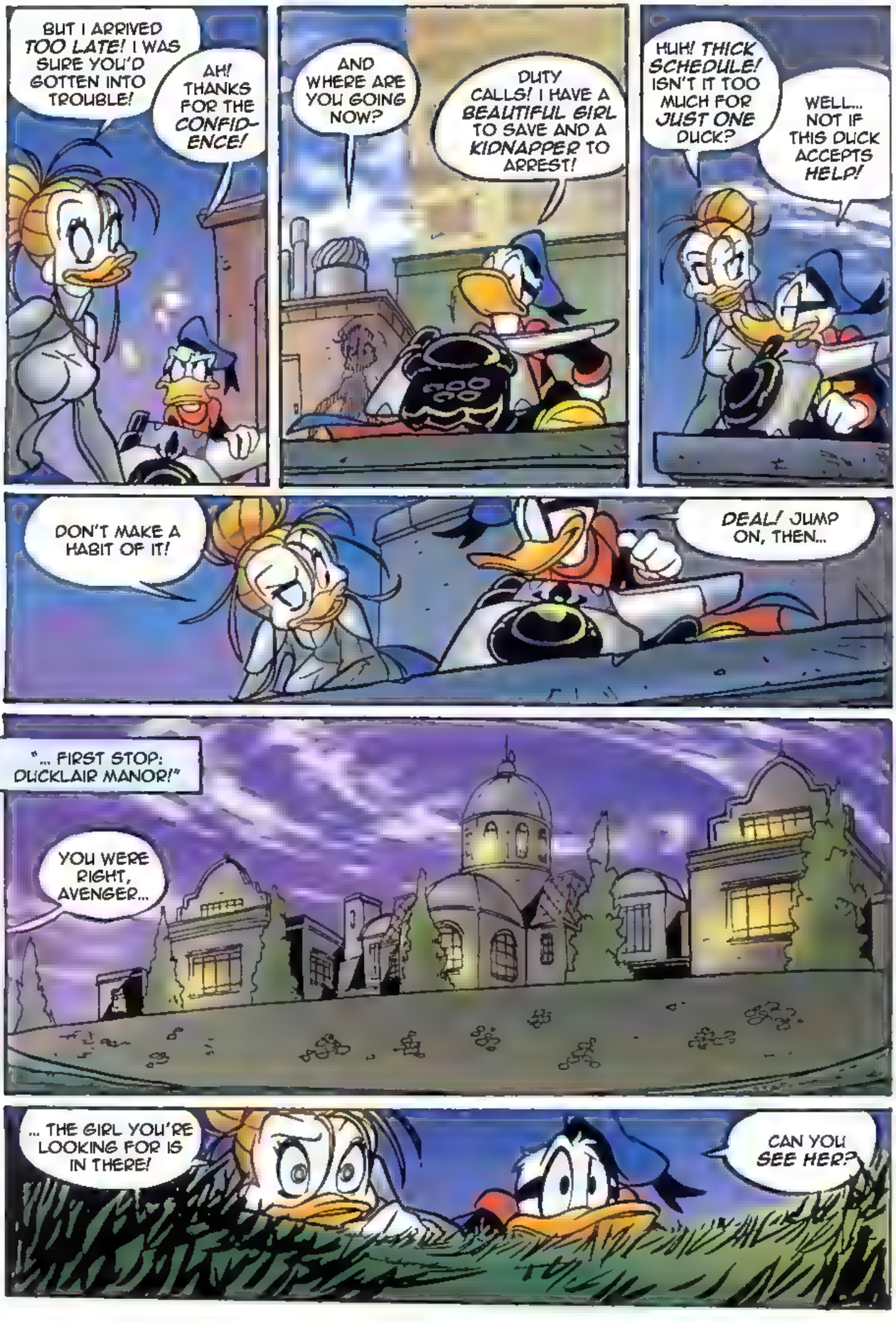
HE'S TAKING HER AWAY! STOP HIM!
... NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO MAKE CONVERSATION!
DAMN IT!
FOLLOW ME! THEY WON'T ESCAPE ME...
... NOT AS LONG AS THE VOICE KEEP CALLING MY NAME!
OUHNN... THE RADIO! HAVE TO... SPEAK... NOW...
"... WITH EVERETT DUCKLAIR!"
RETURN TO DUCKLAIR MANOR, BIRGIT! THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO OVER THERE!
THIS IS A JOB FOR MY PSIONIC HOUNDS! I WAS HOPING THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN!

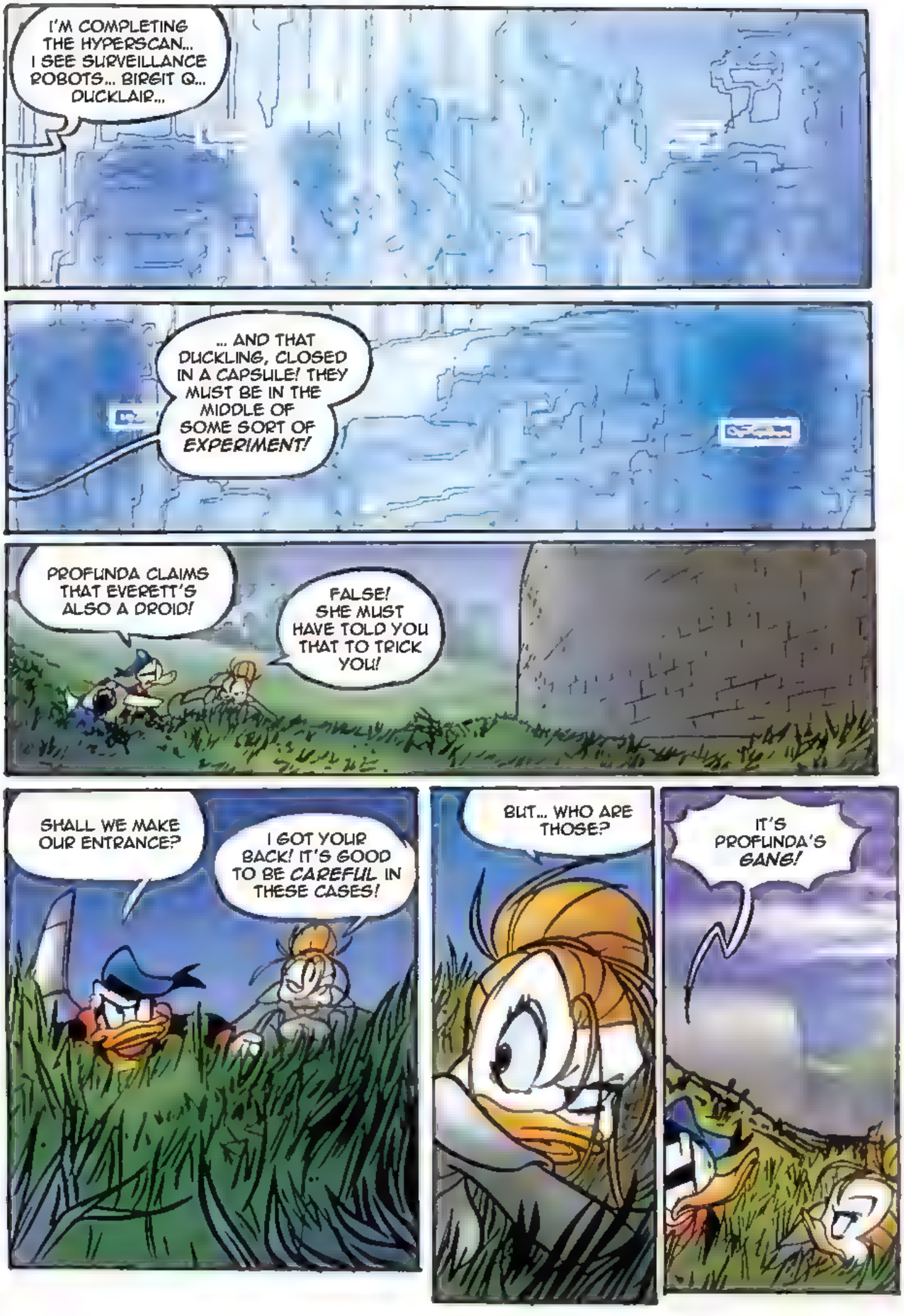
HOUND-RED AND HOUND-BLACK ON THE RAMP, SIR...
NOW THEN...
JUNIPER'S OUT THERE.
FIND HER.
ALRIGHT, GIRL...
... WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE! YOU SURE YOU'RE FEELING ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HUNGRY? ARE YOU COLD?
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T SPEAK MY LANGUAGE! MEANING IT'LL BE HARDER TO FIND OUT WHO SHE IS... AND WHAT SHE WAS DOING IN THAT VAN!
WHAT DO I DO NOW? I CAN'T TAKE HER TO A POLICE STATION, NOR A HOSPITAL...
PROFUNDA OR DUCKLAIR'S MINIONS COULD EASILY FIND HER!

AND I CAN'T BRING HER HOME EITHER! I'D HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DAISY...
... AND THE LAST THING I NEED NOW IS A SUPPLEMENT OF TROUBLE!
AH!
AH!
WHAT IS IT? EVERYTHING'S OKAY! IT'S ALL UNDER CONTROL...
AW... BUT WHO AM I KIDDING?
STAY BACK! WE HAVE VISITORS! AND IF MY POWERS OF OBSERVATION DON'T DECEIVE ME...
KTUMP KTUMP
... OUR GUESTS ARE LABELED DUCKLAIR!
WZZZZ
CLUNK
3D

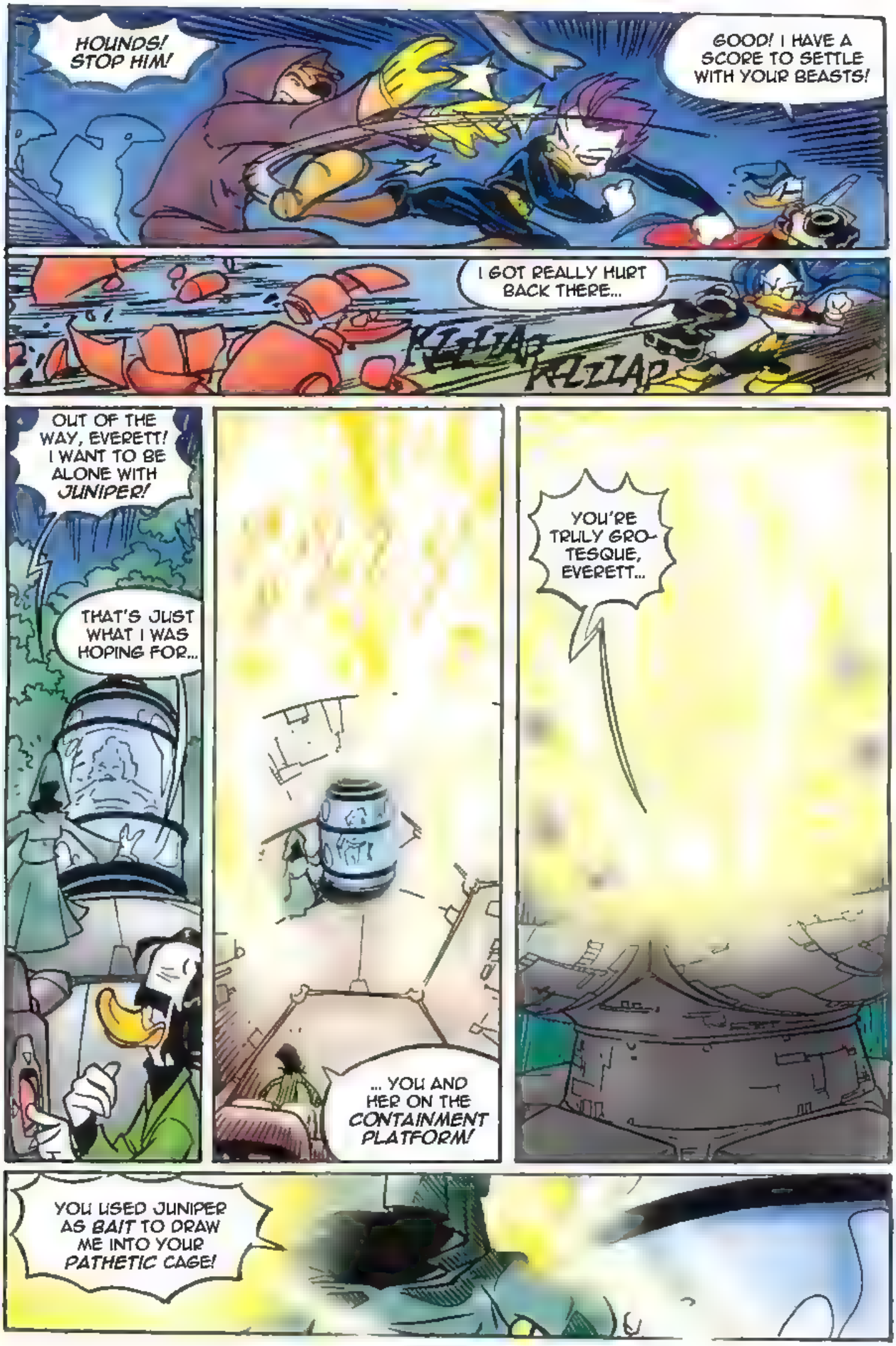

COME ON! BRING IT ON! I'VE KNOCKED OUT PEOPLE BIGGER THAN YOU AND...
TARGET LOCATED
KSWIP
KSWIP
HUH? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
SHE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS! PUT HER DOWN AND TAKE IT OUT ON ME! DO YOU HEAR ME?
HEY! I'M TALKING TO YOU!
FINALLY! CAN WE REASON NOW?
BZZZZZZ


KRABRANG
UFF! URGH! GNNN... WAIT TILL I GET OUT AND... GGGHHH... GNNN...
KRRR-KRRR
EHEM... COULD SOMEONE HELP ME OUT OF HERE?
YOU'VE MANAGED TO MAKE ME ANGRY... AND WHEN I LOSE MY TEMPER I CAN BE VERY, VERY UNPLEASANT!
KEEEEEEEK
... I THINK "CRUSHED" IS THE MORE APPROPRIATE TERM!
HUH? LYLA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE DEVICE YOU HAVE IN YOUR BELT, THERE'S ALSO A POSITION INDICATOR!
YOU... FOLLOWED ME?


BUT I ARRIVED TOO LATE! I WAS SURE YOU'D GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE!
AH! THANKS FOR THE CONFIDENCE!
AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW?
DUTY CALLS! I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL TO SAVE AND A KIDNAPPER TO ARREST!
HUH! THICK SCHEDULE! ISN'T IT TOO MUCH FOR JUST ONE DUCK?
WELL... NOT IF THIS DUCK ACCEPTS HELP!
DON'T MAKE A HABIT OF IT!
DEAL! JUMP ON, THEN...
"... FIRST STOP: DUCKLAIR MANOR!"
YOU WERE RIGHT, AVENGER...
... THE GIRL YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS IN THERE!
CAN YOU SEE HER?

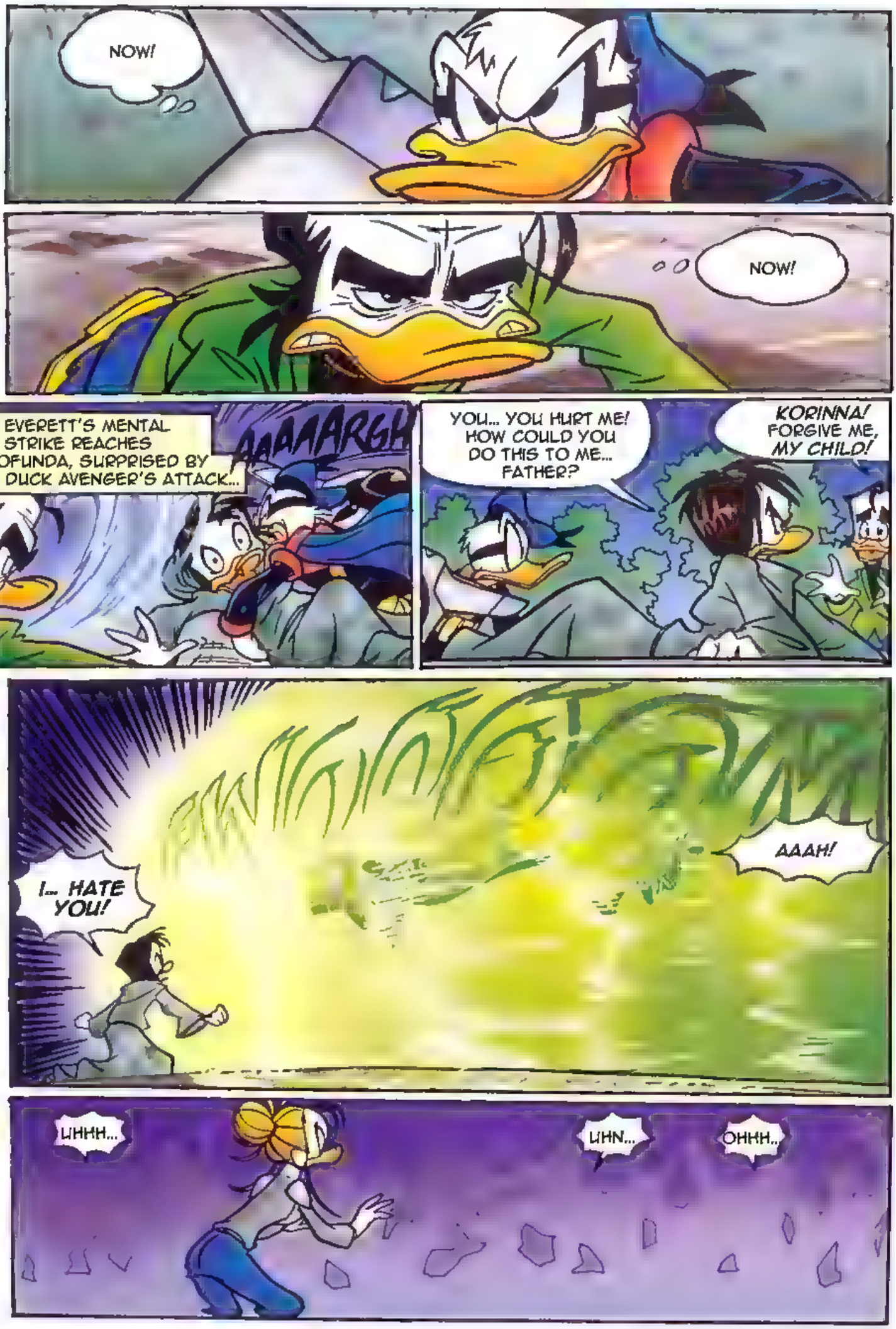

I'M COMPLETING THE HYPERSCAN... I SEE SURVEILLANCE ROBOTS... BIRGIT Q... DUCKLAIR...
... AND THAT DUCKLING, CLOSED IN A CAPSULE! THEY MUST BE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME SORT OF EXPERIMENT!
PROFUNDA CLAIMS THAT EVERETT'S ALSO A DROID!
FALSE! SHE MUST HAVE TOLD YOU THAT TO TRICK YOU!
SHALL WE MAKE OUR ENTRANCE?
I GOT YOUR BACK! IT'S GOOD TO BE CAREFUL IN THESE CASES!
BUT... WHO ARE THOSE?
IT'S PROFUNDA'S GANG!

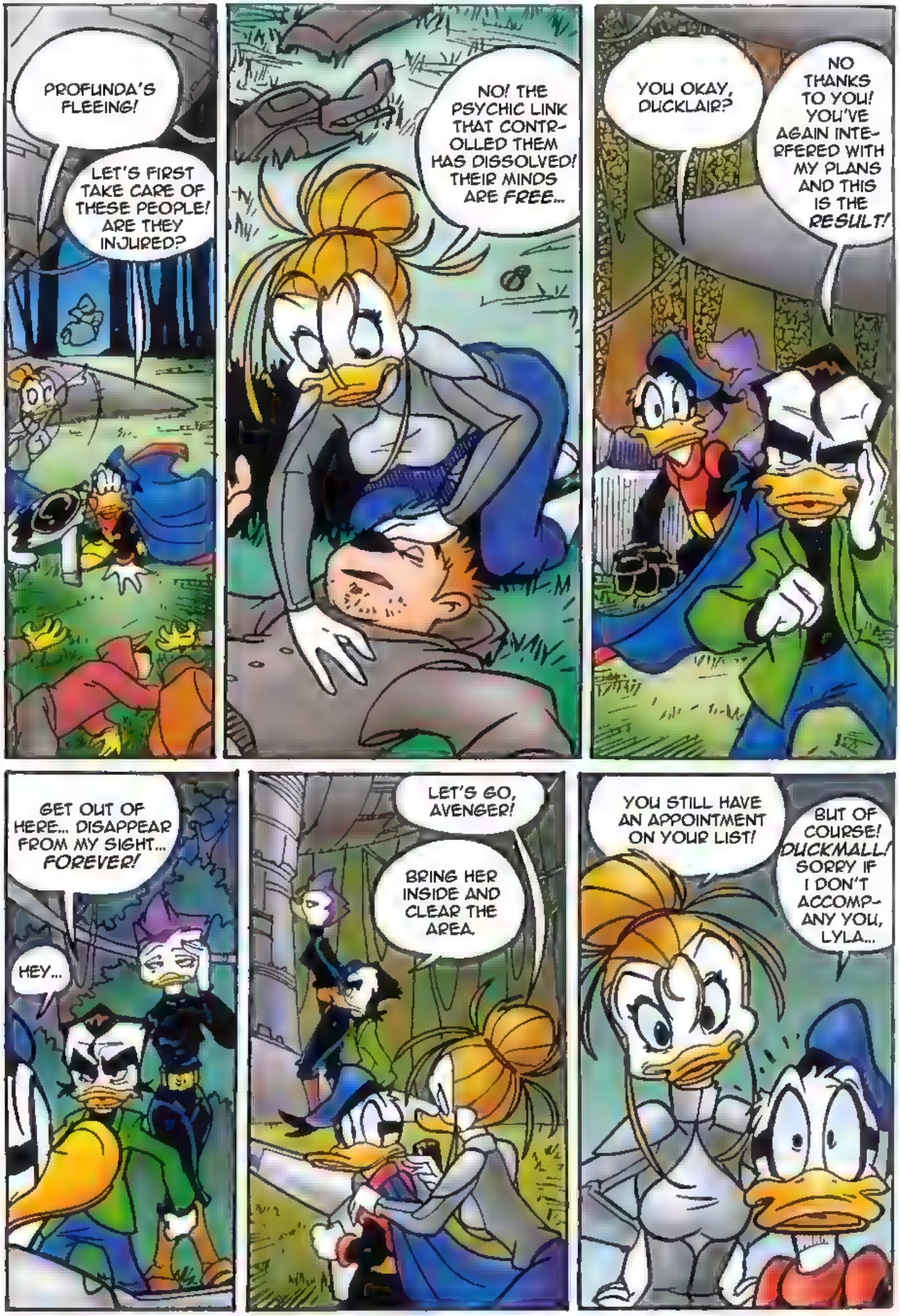
BZZZZZZEP... UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS REGISTERED IN WESTERN SECTOR!
BZZZZZZEP... UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS REGISTERED IN SOUTHERN SECTOR!
TWO FRONTS UNDER ASSAULT! HERE WE GO!
YOU BELIEVE IT'S PROFUNDA?
I'M CERTAIN! STEER CLEAR OF HER, BUT TAKE CARE OF HER MEN!
IT WORKED, JUNIPER! SHE'S COME...
IT WASN'T DIFFICULT TO FIND HER! HER TRACE WAS TOO STRONG!
SHE CALLED ME SO THAT I COULD FREE HER! HER VOICE SPOKE TO ME FROM THE DARKNESS!
NOW! FOR PROFUNDA!
HELLO THERE, PEOPLE! HAVING A GARDEN PARTY WITHOUT INVITING ME?
AVENGER! THIS ISN'T A PARTY!
BUMP
YOU KNOW... THE ABSENCE OF BARBEQUE AND RUSSIAN SALAD MADE ME SUSPICIOUS!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY LIFE!
STUMP
AND LET YOU KIDNAP PEOPLE AS YOU PLEASE? FORGET IT!

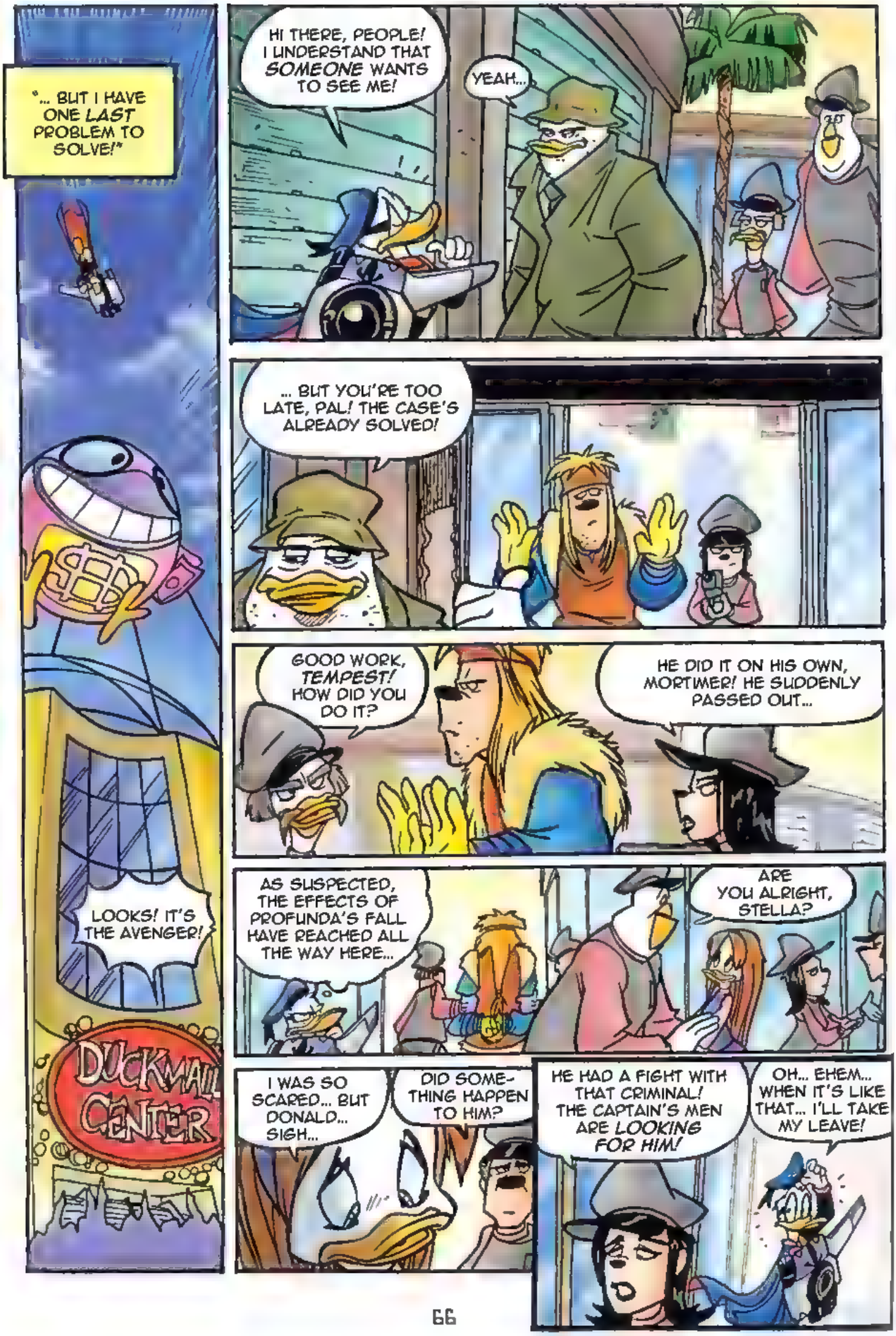

HOUNDS! STOP HIM!
GOOD! I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH YOUR BEASTS!
I GOT REALLY HURT BACK THERE...
KLIJAP
KLIJAP
OUT OF THE WAY, EVERETT! I WANT TO BE ALONE WITH JUNIPER!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR...
... YOU AND HER ON THE CONTAINMENT PLATFORM!
YOU'RE TRULY GRO-TESQUE, EVERETT...
YOU USED JUNIPER AS BAIT TO DRAW ME INTO YOUR PATHETIC CAGE!

YOU THOUGHT THIS COULD STOP PROFUNDA?
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU! I ONLY WANT TO CURE YOU...
PROFUNDA HAS NO NEED OF YOUR HELP...
STOP USING THAT NAME! YOU'RE KORINNA! HOW COULD YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT?
HOW COULD YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR FATHER?
HER FATHER?
LOOK AT YOUR SISTER! LOOK AT THIS PLACE! WHY CAN'T WE ALL LIVE TOGETHER, LIKE IN THE PAST?
BECAUSE THAT PAST NO LONGER EXISTS, EVERETT... AND IT'S ONLY YOUR FAULT!
AAARGH!
KORINNA AND JUNIPER DUCKLAIR! WE'VE ENDED UP IN THE MIDDLE OF A FAMILY REUNION!
WOW!

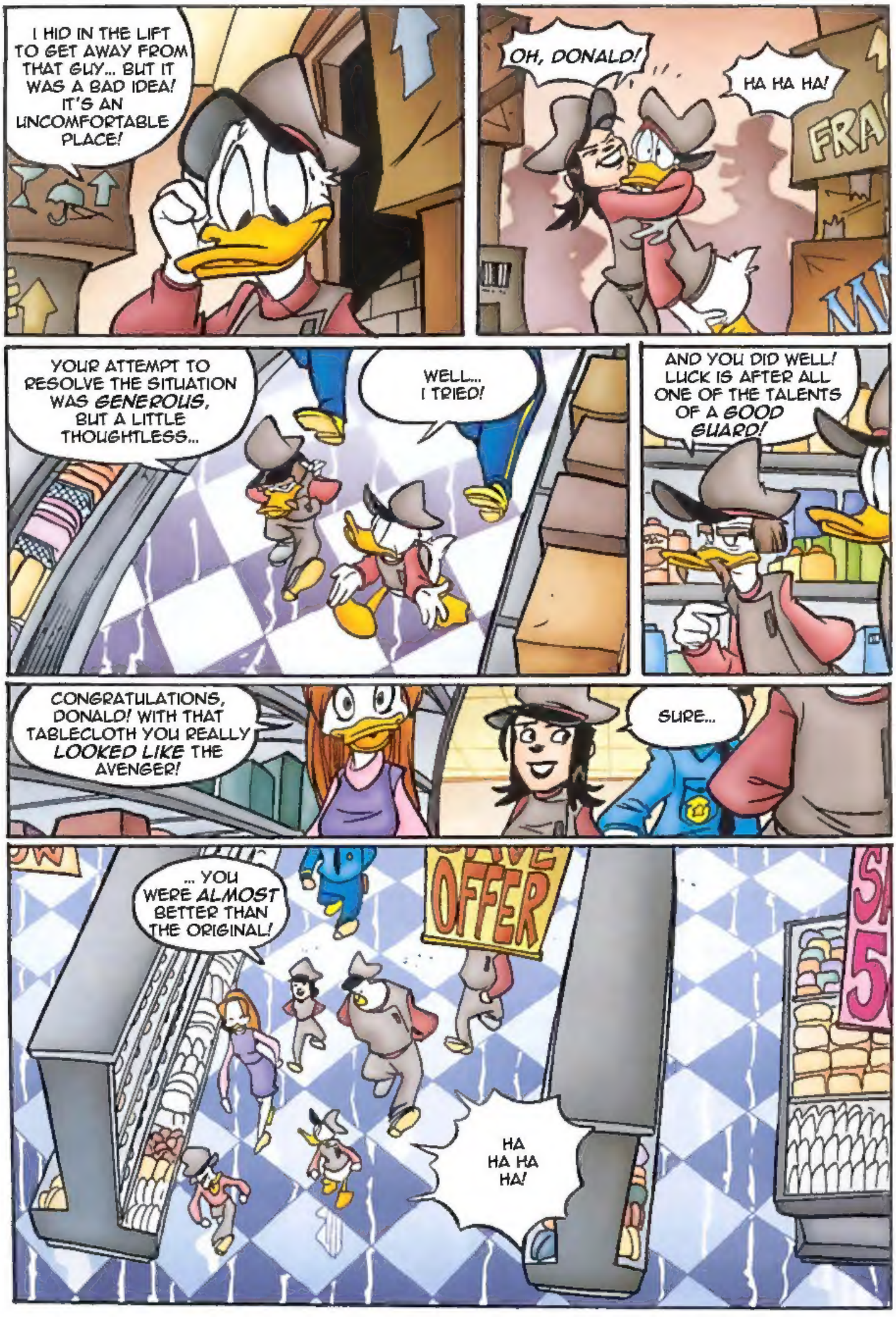
YOU USED OUR TELEPATHIC LINK TO GET ME HERE, BUT YOU'VE FAILED AND I'LL LEAVE... TOGETHER WITH HER!
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT!
THE MENTAL BATTLE BETWEEN FATHER AND DAUGHTER IS INTENSE AND VIOLENT...
KORINNA'S POWER MEASURES WITH EVERETT'S EXPERIENCE...
AAAH...
WE HAVE TO... WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
H-HAVE TO REACT... HAVE TO STOP HER!

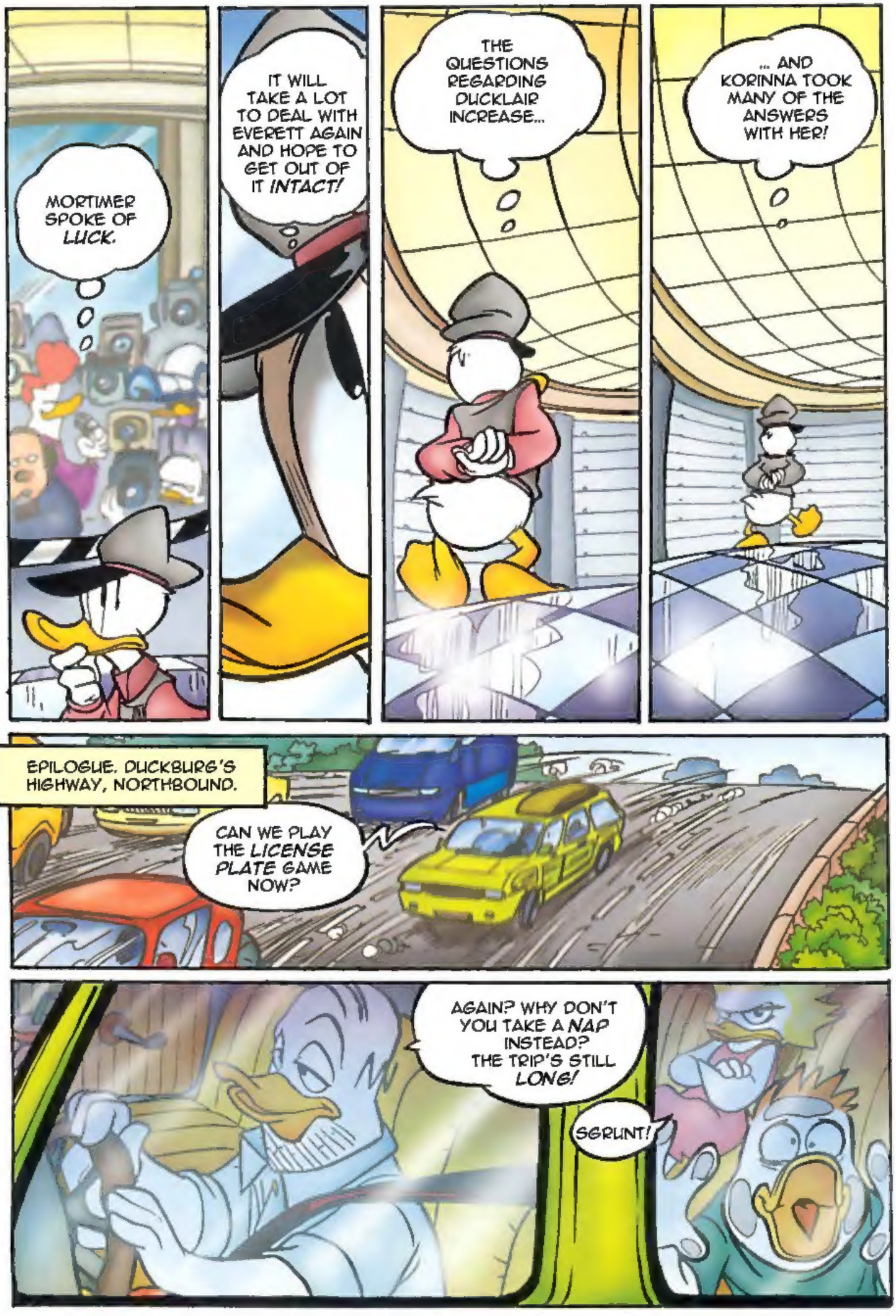

NOW!
NOW!
EVERETT'S MENTAL STRIKE REACHES PROFUNDA, SURPRISED BY THE DUCK AVENGER'S ATTACK...
AAAAARGH
YOU... YOU HURT ME! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME... FATHER?
KORINNA! FORGIVE ME, MY CHILD!
I... HATE YOU!
AAAH!
UHHH...
UHN...
OHHH..


PROFUNDA'S FLEEING!
LET'S FIRST TAKE CARE OF THESE PEOPLE! ARE THEY INJURED?
NO! THE PSYCHIC LINK THAT CONTROLLED THEM HAS DISSOLVED! THEIR MINDS ARE FREE...
YOU OKAY, DUCKLAIR?
NO THANKS TO YOU! YOU'VE AGAIN INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS AND THIS IS THE RESULT!
GET OUT OF HERE... DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT... FOREVER!
HEY...
LET'S GO, AVENGER!
BRING HER INSIDE AND CLEAR THE AREA.
YOU STILL HAVE AN APPOINTMENT ON YOUR LIST!
BUT OF COURSE! DUCKMALL! SORRY IF I DON'T ACCOMPANY YOU, LYLA...


"... BUT I HAVE ONE *LAST* PROBLEM TO SOLVE!"
LOOKS! IT'S THE AVENGER!
DUCKVAIL CENTER
HI THERE, PEOPLE! I UNDERSTAND THAT *SOMEONE* WANTS TO SEE ME!
YEAH...
... BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE, PAL! THE CASE'S ALREADY SOLVED!
GOOD WORK, *TEMPEST!* HOW DID YOU DO IT?
HE DID IT ON HIS OWN, MORTIMER! HE SUDDENLY PASSED OUT...
AS SUSPECTED, THE EFFECTS OF PROFUNDA'S FALL HAVE REACHED ALL THE WAY HERE...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, STELLA?
I WAS SO SCARED... BUT DONALD... SIGH...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM?
HE HAD A FIGHT WITH THAT CRIMINAL! THE CAPTAIN'S MEN ARE *LOOKING FOR HIM!*
OH... EHEM... WHEN IT'S LIKE THAT... I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE!

HAVE TO HURRY! I DON'T WANT THE POLICE TO REPORT ME MISSING!
PUFF! WHY HAS NO ONE EVER TOLD ME THAT BEING A SUPERHERO IS SO EXHAUS-TING?
NOTHING HERE?
NO TRACE OF THE BODY! THIS IS QUITE A MYSTERY...
HEY! YU-UUUH!
?!
YOU UP THERE! PULL ME OUT OF HERE!
IT'S THE DUCK! LET THE OTHERS KNOW!
FOR A MOMENT I WAS AFRAID YOU'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME!
DONALD! YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND!


I HID IN THE LIFT TO GET AWAY FROM THAT GUY... BUT IT WAS A BAD IDEA! IT'S AN UNCOMFORTABLE PLACE!
OH, DONALD!
HA HA HA!
FRA
YOUR ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION WAS GENEROUS, BUT A LITTLE THOUGHTLESS...
WELL... I TRIED!
AND YOU DID WELL! LUCK IS AFTER ALL ONE OF THE TALENTS OF A GOOD GUARD!
CONGRATULATIONS, DONALD! WITH THAT TABLECLOTH YOU REALLY LOOKED LIKE THE AVENGER!
SURE...
... YOU WERE ALMOST BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL!
OFFER
HA HA HA HA!


MORTIMER SPOKE OF *LUCK.*
IT WILL TAKE A LOT TO DEAL WITH EVERETT AGAIN AND HOPE TO GET OUT OF IT *INTACT!*
THE QUESTIONS REGARDING DUCKLAIR INCREASE...
... AND KORINNA TOOK MANY OF THE ANSWERS WITH HER!
EPILOGUE. DUCKBURG'S HIGHWAY, NORTHBOUND.
CAN WE PLAY THE *LICENSE PLATE* GAME NOW?
AGAIN? WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A *NAP* INSTEAD? THE TRIP'S STILL *LONG!*
SGRUNT!

WHY DON'T WE GIVE THAT GIRL A LIFT? THERE'S MUCH ROOM IN THE CAR!
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT?
COME ON, DAD! WHAT DOES IT COST YOU?
PLEASE, DAD!
UFF...
HI! WE'RE HEADING TO GOOSE BEACH! CAN WE GIVE YOU A LIFT?
HUH?
THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY... BECAUSE THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHERE I'M GOING!
FAR AWAY FROM HERE.
FINE